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VARIOUS SEASONS OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR:

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FOR

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PREFACE.

THIS little work has been prepared, to supply a want long felt and often expressed by members of the Episcopal Church. Among the excellent manuals of family prayer, already in use, there is none, so far as the author is informed, in which the daily devotions are adapted to the different seasons of the ecclesiastical year, as arranged and designated in our public formularies: the same prayers and thanksgivings, whether for a week or a month, being used indiscriminately during festivals and fasts, and in joyous and penitential seasons, without reference to the appropriate sentiments infused into the appointed services of the Church.

In attempting to supply this defect, it is believed that all the public observances, as well as the various circumstances that may occur in a family, are amply provided for, without giving the work an inconvenient or expensive size. There is a series of stated prayers for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany; another for the season of Lent; another for Passion Week; another, extending from Easter to Trinity Sunday; and another, from Trinity to Advent: besides special forms for days particularly distinguished in the calendar; and occasional prayers and thanksgivings, to be used with the daily devotions, as circumstances may require.

With regard to the language employed in these forms, it has been the aim of the author, to adhere as strictly as possible to the style of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer; and, in every case, to study entire simplicity. In the adoption of scriptural and liturgical phrases, he could not, had he been disposed, avoid the selection of

many of the passages found in other manuals. Drawing from the same sources, a similarity of expression must necessarily occur.

With the earnest hope, that this little book may prove a welcome companion to many a household, already familiar with the sacred duty of family worship, and operate as an encouragement to others to erect the domestic altar, it is committed to the press, and commended to the favorable judgment of a Christian public, and to the divine blessing. H. C.

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NOTE, FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD EDITIONS.

Encouraged by the ready sale of the first edition of this work, and the general approbation of his friends, the author has been induced to make arrangements for the publication of two more editions—the one on a duodecimo, and the other on an octavo page; and both with a larger type. A few errors which escaped in the former edition, have been corrected, and the whole carefully revised.

It has been suggested, that a few additional forms of Daily Prayer, without reference to the seasons of the ecclesiastical year, might render the work more generally acceptable. The author, however, can see no good reason for making such addition. A sufficient variety of forms may be found in the different parts of the book, to supply the wants of those who are not disposed to conform to the ecclesiastical order under which they are arranged. The whole series of prayers, for example, from Trinity to Advent, may be used at any season of the year, with strict propriety.

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FAMILY PRAYERS.

ADVENT—CHRISTMAS—EPIPHANY.

Sunday Morning.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name; thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast set apart this day for thyself, and hast commanded us to keep it holy to thy name, look down upon us in mercy,

while we dedicate to thee the first fruits of the morning. Give us grace, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility. Prepare us for the various duties which are now before us, and especially for the solemn services of thy sanctuary. May we go with the multitude to thy house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise. There may we give thee the glory which is due unto thy name, and worship thee in the beauty of holiness. And, O blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O Lord, remember in mercy all those who may be prevented, by sickness or any other providential impediment, from attending the ordinances of thy house, and the habitation which their soul loveth. Let thy presence be with them in their private meditations. Endue them with a spirit of supplication and praise. Let their prayer come up before thee as in-

cense, and the lifting up of their hands as an acceptable sacrifice. Look with pity, O Lord, upon the careless and negligent, and especially upon those who have hitherto misspent or profaned thy sabbaths. Grant them yet a day of grace, and still further space for repentance; and teach them so to improve the opportunities that remain, that they may redeem the time which they have lost, and finally be accepted of thee, through the all-prevailing intercession of thy blessed Son.

Pardon, O Lord, the infirmities and imperfections of thy most faithful and devoted servants, and manifest thy power in their weakness. Sustain them in all their troubles; guide them in all their difficulties; support them in the hour of danger, and guard them in the day of temptation. Let thy bountiful grace and mercy help and deliver them; that so they may pass through all the trials of this life in peace and safety, and finally rejoice in the triumphs of redeeming grace.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee; grant that the ministers whom thou hast sent to preach thy word, and the appointed stewards of thy mysteries, may faithfully and diligently discharge their sacred duties; that they may prepare and make ready thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient

to the wisdom of the just; that so, at thy second coming to judge the world, both they who preach and they who hear, may be found an acceptable people in thy sight, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, we bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine unspeakable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace which thou hast bestowed upon us, and for the hope of glory which thou hast set before us. Heavenly Father, make us duly sensible of thy unspeakable gift, whereby we obtain the pardon of our sins, and all things necessary for our eternal salvation. We adore thee for the great mystery of the incarnation; for the coming of thy blessed Son in the flesh to dwell among us; for the perfect example set before

us in his holy life; for his painful atonement for the sins of the world; and for his glorious resurrection from the grave, whereby he hath given us assurance, that he is able also to raise our bodies from the dust, and to exalt us to his own right hand in the kingdom of heaven.

We pray thee, O Lord, to impress deeply on our minds the great and solemn truths revealed in thy word; that amidst the cares and occupations of the world, we may neither forget our Christian privileges, nor neglect the duties to which we are called. Convince us of the vanity of the world, of the shortness of life, and of the unspeakable importance of preparing for eternity. Save us from the sins of indifference, carelessness, and levity, as well as from bold and presumptuous transgression. Purify our hearts by thy Holy Spirit, that we may be cleansed from every secret fault, and every unholy passion. And pardon, O Lord, the multitude of our past iniquities; our forgetfulness of thee and of all thy mercies, and the coldness and hardness of our hearts, in the midst of all thy bounties. Thou hast nourished and brought us up as thy children, and we have rebelled against thee. Thou hast sustained, and protected, and comforted us. Thou hast borne with our infirmities, and withheld thy chastening hand when we deserved nothing but punishment. Thou hast

laid us under peculiar obligations to love and serve thee, and to praise and magnify thy holy name. But how little have we honored thee! How little have we done to glorify thee! O Lord, forgive our ingratitude to thee. Enable us to look up to Jesus, the great Mediator of the new covenant, for the remission of our sins, and for all the benefits of his glorious redemption.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We intercede with thee, gracious God, for all our relatives, friends, and brethren; and especially for those who are in sorrow, sickness, or any kind of trouble. Give them the consolations which thou alone canst bestow. Put into their hearts a holy trust in thee, and a sure hope in thy promises. And may those who are compassed with infirmities, and who feel that their outward man is perishing, be strengthened with might by thy spirit in the inner man; that so their light affliction, which is but for a moment, may work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

Take us now, O God, under thy gracious care and protection this night. Let thy blessing attend us; and thy good spirit rest upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Monday Morning.

O God, our heavenly Father, we bless thee for the return of this morning light. We bless thee for thy guardianship and care during the hours of darkness. Enable us, we beseech thee, to devote the first fruits of the day to thee. Accept our humble thanks for all thy mercies, and especially for the gift of thine Incarnate Son. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, that he hath redeemed us, and raised up a mighty salvation for us; that the day-spring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace. We thank thee for that revelation, by which the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ are made known to us. We thank thee for the gracious offers of salvation, through his name and mediation; and for that atoning sacrifice, through which our sins, though they be as scarlet, shall be as white as snow, and though they be red like crimson, shall be as wool. We thank thee especially for the sure word of prophecy, whereunto we are admonished to take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in our hearts. And we beseech thee, O God, to grant us grace, that we may not receive this

revelation in vain ; that we may not be of the number of those who choose darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil : But enable us to walk as becometh the children of light.

Guide and direct us, heavenly Father, in the duties of this day. May a sense of thy continual presence abide with us, to restrain every evil passion and propensity, and to support and encourage us in the discharge of our respective duties. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over us. Let thy Holy Spirit be ever with us ; and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We commend to thy fatherly care and protection, all our friends and relatives. Give them grace as they may severally stand in need ; and order all things for their present and eternal good. Be a present God to all who are in any kind of trouble. Show the light of thy countenance to those who are weary and heavy-laden with the burden of their sins ; and comfort and sustain those who are suffering under any temporal calamity. May they receive thy chastisements as the loving correction of a kind and beneficent parent, who dost chasten them for their profit, and correct them that they may live. And in the

days of their prosperity, give them a grateful sense of all thy mercies; and teach them, as dutiful children, and the humble partakers of thy bounty, to ascribe all the honor and glory to thee, their gracious benefactor, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Monday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

O God, merciful Father, we come before thee this night, as a sinful people, laden with iniquity. We humbly acknowledge that we have rebelled against thee. We have forsaken thy holy law, and provoked thee to anger. But, O God, we beseech thee, rebuke us not in thy indignation, neither chasten us in thy displeasure. Look down upon us, in mercy and compassion; and, for the love of thy dear Son, forgive us all our sins. May the sound of thy blessed gospel, like the voice of one crying in the wilderness, awaken us to true repentance; that the hearts of the disobedient may be turned to the wisdom of the just; that, in every place, the way of the Lord may be prepared; and that all flesh may see the

salvation of God. Baptize us, heavenly Father, with thy Holy Spirit; that we may bring forth fruits worthy of repentance; that we may put away the evil of our doings; that we may cease to do evil, and learn to do well; that so, when the axe is laid unto the root of the trees, we may, through thy great goodness, escape from the wrath to come.

We bless thee, O Lord God of Israel, for thy manifold mercies in Christ Jesus. Through him, thou hast visited and redeemed thy people; and hast raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of thy servant David, as thou hast spoken by the mouth of thy holy prophets since the world began. Through him mercy and truth have met together, righteousness and peace have embraced each other. With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory. Our souls do magnify thee, O Lord; and our spirits rejoice in God our Saviour.

O God, let thy blessing rest upon us this night. Make us deeply sensible of our helplessness, and dependence upon thee. Let us meditate on our frailty, and consider the shortness and uncertainty of our life. O let us remember, that we walk in a vain shadow; that our days are but a span long; and that every man living is altogether vanity. Let us remember, that all flesh is as grass, and flourish-

eth as the flower of the field: It is gone when the wind passeth over it, and the place thereof shall know it no more. May these solemn thoughts humble us before thee. Thy merciful goodness endureth forever upon them that fear thee. Help us to cast away all confidence in the flesh, and to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, may we die unto the Lord; so that whether we live, or whether we die, we may be the Lord's.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And now may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing; that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost; to whom, with the Father, and the Son, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, grant us grace, at this time, to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. Let us come before

thee, under a grateful sense of all thy goodness. We will exalt thee: We will praise thy name; for thou has done wonderful things in thy righteousness. We will be glad, and rejoice in thy salvation. Every day will we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name for ever and ever.

We commend ourselves, O God, to thy care and protection this day. Defend us with thy mighty power. Stretch forth thine hand to deliver us from every danger. Guide and direct us by thy good spirit; that we may shun every evil way, and walk securely in thy commandments. Grant us grace, that we fall not under the power of temptation, nor indulge in any secret or open sin. Purify our hearts, and regulate our desires, and restrain our passions, that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We bless thee, O God, that thou hast caused thy holy scriptures to be written for our learning: And we beseech thee to grant, that they may prove profitable to us, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that we may be perfected in obedience, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. May we all be so taught of thee, that thy law may be written in our hearts;

that we may call upon thee as our God, and be acknowledged as thy people.

Grant, O Lord, that the ministers of thy word may go forth in all the world, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. Grant that the dark and benighted regions of the earth may hear the voice of redeeming love; that the word that goeth forth out of Zion may extend to the uttermost bounds of the earth; and that all men may know thee, from the greatest to the least. Hasten the day, O God, when the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it. May many people go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. Hasten the day, when the nations of the earth shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither learn war any more; when all may walk in the light of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Prepare us, O God, for the hour of death, and for the day of judgment; that when thy blessed Son, who hast ascended into heaven, and sitteth on thy right hand, shall come again,

with glory, to judge both the quick and dead, we may be ready to say, Lo, this is our God ; we have waited for him, and he will save us. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we approach thy throne with humble reverence and godly fear. Bow down thine ear, we beseeeh thee, and hear us, for thy dear Son's sake : And grant us thy grace, to purify our thoughts, and to direct our meditations. Set a watch, O Lord, before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips ; that this our evening sacrifice may be acceptable unto thee.

We acknowledge the manifold and great mercies, which thou hast bestowed upon us this day. Thy favors have been multiplied, and demand our thankfulness. O Lord, who is like unto thee, that hast thy dwelling so high, and yet humblest thyself to behold all things in heaven and earth. Thou hast delivered our souls from death, and our eyes from tears ; thou hast kept our feet from falling ; thou hast permitted us to walk before thee, in the light of the living. O, that we might

praise thee, according to thy great goodness! O, that we might magnify thy name forever!

Be merciful, O God, unto all our friends, relatives, and brethren. Lift up the light of thy countenance upon those who are here present, that they may worship thee in spirit and in truth; that they may know thee to be their God, and feel the power of thy grace in the pardon of their sins. To those who are absent, whatsoever be their condition, or wheresoever thy providence shall direct them, extend thy guardian care and protection. Let thy Fatherly hand be ever over them, to deliver them from peril and danger: Let thy Holy Spirit be ever with them, to keep them from the power of temptation: And so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Let a continual sense of thy presence abide with our civil rulers and magistrates; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity.

O Lord, may we remember, at the close of every day, that the end of all things is at hand.

May we remember, that the time must soon come, when we shall stand before thy judgment-seat, O Christ; when every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess, to thee. And, O God, when those mighty signs shall appear, which thou hast foretold in the scriptures; when the powers of heaven shall be shaken; and when the Son of man shall be seen coming in the clouds, with power and great glory; may we be found among the blessed number whose redemption draweth nigh: May we be prepared to unite in the triumphant song of Zion—Hosannah to the Son of David; blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosannah in the highest!

We ask for all, in the name, and for the sake, and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast taught us, in thy holy word, to make prayers, and supplications, and intercessions, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech

thee favorably to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine majesty. We bless thee for thy great mercy, in opening a door of access to thy throne, through the intercession of thy dear Son, who is revealed to us as the way, the truth, and the life. We bless thee for thy gracious promise, that whatsoever we shall faithfully ask of thee in his name, shall be given unto us. We come before thee, pleading this thy unfailing assurance; and we beseech thee to look down upon us in mercy, and grant our petitions for Jesus Christ's sake.

We pray for thy holy Church throughout the world. Inspire its ministers and members with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; that it may be delivered from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment; and grant that all those who confess thy holy name, may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in peace, and harmony, and godly love.

We pray for all Christian rulers and magistrates; beseeching thee so to direct and dispose their hearts, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

We pray for our common country; that its civil, religious, and benevolent institutions,

may enjoy thy blessing; that its schools and seminaries of learning may flourish and prosper; that health, and peace, and plenteousness may abound; that righteousness, which alone exalteth a nation, may prevail; and that sin, which is a reproach to any people, may not be our ruin.

We pray for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst give them thy heavenly grace; and especially to this family here assembled in thy name and presence; that with meekness of heart and due reverence, they may hear and obey thy commandments; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We pray for all those, who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Of thy great goodness, O Lord, comfort and succor them. Show them the light of thy countenance; sustain them in all their trials; and make all things to work together for their present and eternal welfare.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We thank thee, O God, for the good examples of thy blessed servants, who have departed this life in thy faith and fear. Give us grace, so to follow them in their holy living, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we bless thee for another opportunity of coming into thy presence; and we beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to accept our thanksgivings and receive our prayers. May we approach thy throne with due reverence and godly fear; knowing that thou art everywhere present, and searchest out all our ways; that there is not a word in our tongue, nor a thought or intent of our heart, but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

We acknowledge all our sinfulness. We have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep. But, O thou Shepherd of Israel, who came to seek and to save that which was lost, may we hear thy voice, and return unto thee. And we beseech thee to have compassion upon us; and bind up the broken; and reclaim the wandering; and restore us to the paths of righteousness and peace.

When compassed about with infirmities, and sorrows, and sufferings, may we repose in perfect trust and confidence on thy promise, that thou wilt swallow up death in victory, and wipe away tears from off all faces. May we look upon our blessed Saviour as he is revealed to us, a King reigning in righteousness. May he be unto us, as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place; as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

We commend to thy providential care, all Christian families, and especially those of our relatives and friends. Be thou present with them, when they assemble together this night to worship thee; and hearken to their prayers, and assist them by thy grace. And grant that the united supplications of all thy people, in every place, may ascend to thy throne, and call down an answer of peace and consolation.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Have mercy, O God, upon the poor, the desolate, and the oppressed. Be thou the widow's God, and a father of the fatherless; and raise up, we beseech thee, friends and benefactors for the needy and the destitute; that they may be defended in all adversities, and provided for in all their necessities.

We pray for our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers. Have pity and compassion upon

them ; and grant them grace to see their wickedness, and turn from their sins. Forgive them, O Lord, in thy mercy ; and grant us a spirit of forgiveness, that we may be ready to do unto others, as we would that thou shouldst do unto us.

Extend thy compassion, heavenly Father, to those who are spiritually blind and ignorant. Cause the wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, that he may turn unto thee, and be abundantly pardoned.

Send out the light of thy everlasting gospel to the benighted heathen, and to all who are dwelling in darkness and the shadow of death. May the glad tidings of salvation be heard among them, as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Thursday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O God, we acknowledge thee as our Almighty Creator and most gracious preserver. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: Thou hast made summer and winter: The day is thine, and the night is thine: Thou hast prepared the light and the sun. By thy goodness, we are brought to the beginning of another day. We lift up our eyes to thee, from whom cometh our help. Make ready our hearts, O God, to speak thy praise. Let them that put their trust in thee, rejoice. Let them that love thy name, be joyful and glad in thee. We will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with our whole heart; with grateful lips will we speak of all thy marvelous works.

We especially thank thee, heavenly Father, that thou hast vouchsafed to call us to the knowledge of thy grace and faith in thee. We bless thee for the gift of thy dear Son; and for the glorious immortality which thou hast brought to light, through his incarnation and mediation. We bless thee for the hope set before us in thy everlasting gospel; and for the revelation, by which alone we are made wise unto salvation. May our knowledge be increased, and our faith

confirmed ; that we may continue thy servants, and finally attain thy gracious promises.

O God, enable us, through thy grace, to keep in lively remembrance the solemn vows by which we are bound to thee in our baptismal covenant. May we truly renounce the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, with all covetous desires of the flesh ; so that we may neither follow nor be led by them. May we steadfastly believe all the articles of our Christian faith ; and obediently keep thy holy commandments, and walk in the same all the days of our life. Grant that the old Adam may be so buried, that the new man may be raised up in us. Grant that all sinful affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us. Grant that we may have power and strength to have victory, and to triumph against the devil, the world, and the flesh. Grant that whosoever is dedicated to thee, through the offices and ministry of thy Church, may be endued with heavenly virtues, and finally, by thy mercy, receive the rewards of thy everlasting kingdom.

May we each of us remember, that by baptism we have put on Christ ; and that it is our part and duty, being made the children of God, and of the light, by faith in Jesus Christ, to walk answerably to our Christian calling, and

as becometh the children of light; that baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is to follow the example of our Saviour Christ, and to be made like unto him; that as he died and rose again for us, so should we, who are baptized, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness; continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Guide and direct us, heavenly Father, in all the duties and cares of this day. Protect us from every evil and danger. Guard us against temptation; and sustain us amid the trials and troubles of this transitory life. Be merciful unto our friends and relatives, whether present or absent. Make them partakers of thy grace, and of all the benefits and consolations of thy gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, we humbly beseech thee to look down upon us in mercy, and receive our prayers and supplications, not for our merits or deservings, but for the sake

of our blessed Redeemer, and exalted Intercessor. Enable us, at this time, to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service: And receive us, as thou hast promised by thy well beloved Son, saying, Ask, and ye shall have; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: So give now unto us who ask; let us who seek, find; open the gate unto us who knock; that we may enjoy the everlasting benefits of thy transforming grace, and finally come to thy eternal kingdom.

Give us a grateful sense, O God, of all thy mercies in Christ Jesus; and make us partakers of the great salvation which he has revealed to us. Thou hast called unto all the ends of the earth to look unto thee and be saved. The word has gone out of thy mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto thee every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess thy name. O, grant us grace, that we, thy servants, may be found among the happy number who obey this call, and submit to thy righteousness. And hasten the fulfillment of thy gracious promise, that thou wilt comfort Zion, and build up her waste places; that thou wilt make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; that joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody. O God, let thy righteousness

draw near; let thy salvation go forth; let the isles wait upon thee, and on thine arm let them trust: And let the redeemed of the Lord return and come with singing unto Zion; that everlasting joy may be upon their head; that they may obtain joy and gladness; and that sorrow and sighing may flee away.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Hear our supplications, heavenly Father, for all sorts and conditions of men. O thou, on whom the Spirit of the Lord rested; who wast anointed to preach the gospel to the poor; who wast sent to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind; to set at liberty those that were bruised; and to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; have compassion on all those who are in sorrow, sickness, or any other trouble. Keep them by thy mighty power, and comfort them by thy grace. Be gracious and merciful to all our relatives and friends. May they look up to thee in humble confidence and trust, and commit all their concerns into thy hands, as a constant preserver and bountiful benefactor. Guard us in safety through the silent watches of this night, and bring us in health and peace to the beginning of another day. And may it be our purpose and desire, with our renewed strength and ability, so to serve thee in this world, that in the world

to come we may have life everlasting. Grant this, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour, in whose perfect form of words we sum up these our petitions :—

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious care and protection we now commit ourselves for this night. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

Almighty and everlasting God, look in mercy upon our infirmities. We acknowledge our helplessness and dependence. Without thee we can do nothing. We are surrounded by dangers and temptations; and by reason of the frailty of our nature, we can not always stand upright. But thou, O God, art able to sustain us. Thy hand is not shortened, that it can not save; neither is thy ear heavy, that it can not hear. Have pity upon us, O God of our salvation. Grant that our iniquities may not separate between us and thy mercies. Let not

our sins cause thee to hide thy face from us. In all our necessities, stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us. Give us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us in safety through all our temptations. Knowing that thou art rich in mercy to all who call upon thee in the name of thy dear Son; give us faith to believe thy word, and to rely on thy promises; that our prayers may come up before thee as an acceptable offering, and that they may be heard and answered, through the merits and intercession of our blessed Saviour.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, thou hast been found of them that sought thee not. Thou hast been made manifest to them that asked not after thee. May the sound of the everlasting gospel be spread abroad from shore to shore; until all the nations of the world be turned unto thee, and all the kindreds of the earth shall worship before thee. Be thou exalted among the heathen. Let them that dwell in the wilderness kneel down before thee. Let the kings of the earth fall down at thy footstool. Let all the people of the earth do thee service. Let thy name be glorified among all the posterities of men, who shall be blessed through thee. Let the heathen praise thee. Let all the earth be filled with thy majesty.

We bless thee, O God, for having cast our lot in a land of gospel light and knowledge. May we be kept by thy grace, from any misimprovement of our great privileges. Keep thy Church and household continually in thy true religion. Grant that we, who profess to know thee, and to hope in thy mercies, may walk circumspectly in all thy commandments. Enable us to fulfill our respective obligations to thee and to each other. May no occasion be given to the enemies of religion to blaspheme thy holy name. May we show our love to thee, by following thy precepts, and living a life of purity and holiness. May we look away from the things which are seen, and are temporal, and fix our hopes, and affections, and desires, on the things that are not seen, and are eternal. And may we remember, that when our day of probation has passed away, and our years are brought to an end, we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may receive the things done in his body, and be punished or rewarded according to what he hath done, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. And knowing the terror of the Lord, may we be persuaded, now in the time of this mortal life, to do the will of our heavenly Father, with all fidelity and diligence. Direct us especially in all the duties of this day, that in all our works begun, con-

tinued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Friday Evening.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world, to redeem us from sin and death, and was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God and heirs of eternal life; grant us grace, we beseech thee, to seek with earnestness and diligence, the benefits of this great salvation. May we look with humble trust and confidence, for the pardon of our sins, through the mediation of our ever blessed Redeemer; and may we obtain that lively hope, which is as an anchor to the soul, sure and steadfast. And having this hope, may we, through the sanctifying influences of thy Holy Spirit, purify ourselves, according to the pattern and example of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ; that when he shall appear again with power and

great glory, we may be made like unto him, in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

We praise thee, O God, for all the manifestations of thy goodness to a lost and ruined world. Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints. Be it our delight to praise thee, and glorify thy name. Let all the people come and worship before thee. Make bare thine holy arm in the eyes of all the nations. Let all the ends of the earth see the salvation of God. May the Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, have the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possession. Though the mountains depart and the hills be removed, let not thy kindness depart from those who fear thee; neither let the covenant of thy peace be removed. As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so, O Lord God, cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Let the people praise thee, O God, yea, let all the people praise thee.

Put thy Spirit into the hearts of thy servants whom thou hast called to preach thy living word. Beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring the glad tidings of salvation! May they go forth on this mission of mercy, guided by thy truth, sus-

tained by thy power, and animated by thy Spirit. May they go forth, preaching repentance for the remission of sins. May they go forth, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; until the kingdoms of the world become the kingdoms of Christ, and righteousness and peace cover the face of the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for the mercies bestowed upon us this day. We humble ourselves before thee as unworthy sinners, beseeching thee to watch over us this night, and to protect us from all the evils to which we may be exposed. Above all, keep us from sin, and from all the wiles of the adversary. Let us repose under the shadow of thy wing, till every danger be over, and we are brought again before thee, to renew our prayers and praises, and to enter again upon our respective duties.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O Lord God Almighty, we bless thee for another opportunity of coming into thy presence. We adore thee, as the Creator and the Governor of the world. Thou hast abundantly provided for the wants of thy creatures. Thou hast ordered the day and the night to succeed each other; and when thou hast refreshed man with sleep, thou again permittest him to pursue his work until the evening. We bless thee for thy daily mercies; and especially that while thy providence provides our lot in this life, thou hast been graciously pleased to set before us, the joys and consolations of the world to come. We glorify thee for the gift of Jesus Christ thy Son, by whose gospel, life and immortality are brought to light, and through which we are instructed in those things which concern our salvation. We bless thee for the pardon of sin, through faith in the Redeemer; for the guidance and protection of thy providence: and for the consolations and teachings of thy Spirit. We thank thee for thy written word; for thy ministry and ordinances; and for all the other means of grace which we are permitted to enjoy.

Grant, we beseech thee, that we may this day pursue, with fidelity and diligence, our al-

lotted work; and that, in the midst of our worldly occupations, we may be enabled, by thy help, to maintain a spiritual and heavenly mind. Let us remember the solemn truth, that in the midst of life we are in death; and let us so live this day, that if it should prove our last, it may not be spent in vain. Save us from the sins which most easily beset us. Leave us not to the natural dispositions of our own hearts, which are corrupt and ever inclining us to evil: But put thy Spirit within us, and teach us to cultivate every Christian temper, and to abound in every good work. Strengthen our faith in the glorious promises of the gospel; and fill us with such joy and peace in believing, that we may submit with cheerful resignation to any sacrifice which, in thy holy providence, thou shalt require of us. Dispose us to bear affliction, with a patient and humble spirit: Or, if thou shouldst give us prosperity, make us ever watchful over ourselves, and teach us moderation in our enjoyments. Let us impart freely to others, the good gifts which thou bestowest upon us. Inspire us with zeal in the fulfillment of our relative duties; with integrity in our dealings; and the spirit of kindness to all men. Let us faithfully examine ourselves; that so, advancing daily in self-knowledge, we may finally prevail over our several infirmities. Thus may we grow in grace, and in all good-

ness, and in fitness and preparation for thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for thy blessing on all our friends and relations. May they be filled with a knowledge of thy will, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; and may we, and they, be of one heart and one mind, loving each other as brethren in Christ, and uniting our endeavors to promote the glory of God, and the good of mankind.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Have mercy on the poor and the afflicted; strengthen the weak; succor the tempted; and guide the ignorant into the way of knowledge. Bless the rising generation; save them from the dangers of this evil world; sanctify to them the events which shall befall them; make them instruments in thy hand for the advancement of the interests of thy Church on earth, and qualify them by thy grace, to become members of thy blessed family in heaven.

We offer these our humble and imperfect prayers, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Saturday Evening.

O God, who hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, give us grace so to try and judge ourselves, that we be not finally condemned at the judgment seat of Christ. Dispose us daily to examine both our hearts and lives, by the rule of thy holy law; remembering always, that our most secret thoughts are open to thee, and that nothing is hidden from thy view. Grant us true and sincere repentance for whatever sins we have committed against thee, either in thought, word, or deed; and for thy dear Son's sake, forgive us all our transgressions.

We confess that we too easily forget the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Thou hast sent thy Son from heaven to save us. Thou hast invited us by thy promises, and restrained us by the admonitions of thy word. Thou hast set before us an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away: And thou hast warned us of a worm that never dieth, and of a fire that is not quenched. Suffer us not to harden our hearts against thy invitations and threatenings. May thy Holy Spirit impress our minds with a deep sense of the importance of eternal things. May we labor to make our calling and election sure. May we be diligent, while the day of proba-

tion remains; knowing that we must soon put off these mortal bodies, and that the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ is at hand.

We thank thee for the rest and comforts of thy holy sabbaths; for the gift of thy sacred word; for the ministry and ordinances of thy Church; for the abundant light and knowledge shed abroad in our land; and for every opportunity of becoming wise unto salvation. Give us grace so to improve these great benefits, that we finally fall not under thy just condemnation.

Assist us, this night, to look up to thee with pure and humble hearts. Let us commit ourselves to thy gracious care and keeping; sensible of thy constant presence with us; and earnestly desiring to partake both of thy favor here, and of those joys which are at thy right hand forevermore. And let not the cares and anxieties of life, nor the lawful pursuits in which we may engage, withdraw our meditations from the concerns of a better world.

We pray thee to bestow thy blessing on our dear friends and relations; on our country and constituted authorities; and on all for whom we are bound to pray. Pity those who are afflicted, and those who shall pass this night in watchfulness or pain. Succor the tempted. Give peace to those who are troubled in mind. Be thou a Father to the fatherless, and a God

of consolation to those who are desolate and oppressed. And give us all grace, that we may abound in charity one towards another, and do good unto all men, according to our Lord's example and commandment.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Pardon the imperfection of these our humble supplications; and grant unto us whatsoever things thou knowest to be needful for us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

For the Evening before Christmas.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we come before thee with fear and trembling. We are surrounded by the bounties of thy providence. We are refreshed and comforted by the visitations of thy Spirit. But we feel our unworthiness. We are bowed down under a sense of our guilt. Too often have we forgotten thy goodness. Too often have our hearts been turned away from thee. Too often have we walked in the ways of the wicked, and neglected thy holy commandments. O God, look down upon us in pity, and pardon

all our offences. For the sake of thy dear Son, whom thou hast sent to be a propitiation for our sins, be merciful unto us, and forgive us all our transgressions. We cast ourselves down, in humble dependence on thy protecting care this night. Guard us, we beseech thee, from all evil. Give rest to our wearied bodies, and peace and comfort to our burdened souls. Prepare our hearts, by thy grace, for the solemnities of the ensuing day, and for the due commemoration of the wonders of redeeming love—the great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh. Teach us to remember how low we were fallen, when thine Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, came into the world, to save us from endless woe. Through his blessed mediation, thou hast delivered our souls from death, and our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling. We will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, for thou art gracious, and thy mercy endureth forever. Thou art our strength and our salvation. Thy right hand bringeth mighty things to pass. The same stone which the builders refused, has become the head of the corner. Grant, O God, that it may never prove to us a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. Grant us grace to say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the day which God hath made glorious. Open unto us the gates of righteousness, that

we may go into them, and give thanks unto the Lord. May we wash our hands in innocency, and so may we go to thine altar. May we receive the cup of salvation, and pay our vows unto thee in the presence of all thy people. May we offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving in the house of the Lord, and call faithfully upon thy name.

Grant, heavenly Father, that the light of the blessed gospel may shine upon all nations; that darkness may no longer cover the earth, nor thick darkness the people. May the Gentiles come to the light, and all the kingdoms of the earth to the knowledge of the truth. Cause all men to know thee, from the greatest to the least. Let them gather themselves together, and come unto thee. Let them fly as a cloud, and as doves to their windows. And hasten, O Lord, the fulfillment of thy promise, that a little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We commend to thy mercy and grace, all who are near and dear to us. Be thou, O God, their strength and defence, and everlasting consolation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Christmas Day—Morning.

Glory be to thee, O God. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks unto thee, for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. Accept, we beseech thee, our humble thanks for thy manifold and great mercies. We bless thee especially for thine unspeakable love, in sending, as on this day, thy well-beloved Son, to take our nature upon him, and to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh, that he might save us from our sins. We rejoice, that unto us a child is born; that unto us a Son is given. With the multitude of the heavenly host, we joyfully unite in ascribing glory to thee in the highest, for peace on earth, and good will towards men. We praise thee for revealing to us the great mystery of godliness, by which mercy and truth have met together, and righteousness and peace have embraced each other. Help us, O God, to employ this day in meditating on this great work of redemption, that so we may give unto thee the glory due unto thy name, and offer unto thee an acceptable worship.

O thou great and glorious Redeemer, we adore thee for thy wonderful condescension,

in leaving the glory which thou hadst with the Father, before the world began. Though thou wast rich, yet for our sakes, thou didst become poor, that we, through thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech thee by the mystery of thy holy incarnation and nativity, to deliver us from all iniquity. O Son of David, have mercy upon us. Thou, who didst come that we might have life, and have it more abundantly, be gracious unto us. Thou, who wast called Jesus, that thou mightest save thy people from their sins, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee. Grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit, and follow the blessed steps of thy most holy life.

Grant us, O Lord, thy special blessing this day. May we pour out our hearts before thee, with joy and praise, in the congregation of thy people. And may we, on every return of this season, so profit by the holy institutions of the Church in which thy good providence hath placed us, that when Christ, who is our life, shall appear a second time, we may also appear with him in glory.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Hear us further, heavenly Father, and grant that the glad tidings which we commemorate this day, may be made known to all peo-

ple. Let the promised seed of the woman bruise the serpent's head. May the root which hath sprung out of Jesse, send forth branches on the right hand and on the left; and may the natural branches, which have been so long broken off, even thy people Israel, be again grafted on their own olive tree. Have compassion, also, on those who have never heard of the coming of our blessed Lord in the flesh. In him who hath risen to rule over the Gentiles, let the Gentiles trust, and find his rest to be glorious. Mercifully with thy favor look upon the whole Christian world. May all that name the name of Christ depart from iniquity. Especially preserve them from turning this sacred season into an occasion of revelling and unholy mirth. Let them, as Christians, rejoice in Christ their Saviour; and let thy grace teach them to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

We ask for all in the name of Him, in whom dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Christmas Day—Evening.

Almighty and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, we approach thy throne in humble reliance on thy long-suffering mercy and goodness. We acknowledge our unworthiness, and hope for acceptance, only through the gracious intercession of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thou declarest thy almighty power, chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Thou hast not stretched forth the right hand of thy majesty, to avenge thee of thine enemies; but with thine own arm thou hast wrought out redemption for us. Thou hast not sent thy Son into the world, to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

We bless thee for revealing to us this great mystery, which was hid from ages and generations, but is now made manifest to the sons of men. We rejoice that unto us was born, as on this day, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirits do rejoice in God our Saviour. Blessed be thou, the God of Israel, for visiting and redeeming thy people, and raising up a mighty salvation for them; for performing the promise made unto their fathers, and for keep-

ing in remembrance thy holy covenant. Praised be thy name for sending forth in the fulness of time, thy only begotten Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Glory be unto thee, for causing thy loving kindness towards us to appear.

O thou, who wast in Christ, reconciling the world unto thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, forgive us all our transgressions. Through him, who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and came to seek and to save that which was lost, have mercy upon us. By the mystery of his holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord deliver us. And since thy blessed Son was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the children of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; and that, when he shall come again, in power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom.

[Occasional prayers, &c.]

We pray thee, heavenly Father, that through thy tender mercies, the day-spring from on high, which hath visited us, may arise and shine upon the nations that are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. Grant that

it may be, both a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. Raise up, we beseech thee, faithful and able ministers of the New Testament, to go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people, by the remission of their sins.

Pour down thy grace and heavenly benediction upon all who are called Christians. May the children of Zion be joyful in their King! And may they so truly follow the blessed steps of their Lord and Master, that they may be saved by his mercy, in the great day of his appearing and glory. Grant this, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit ourselves, and all who are dear to us. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Last Evening of the Year.

Almighty and eternal Lord of heaven and earth, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, who art the same, yesterday, and to-day, and forever, and whose years fail not—from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Accept, we beseech thee, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for thy goodness and mercy, which have followed us all our days. We especially bless thee for delivering us from the perils and dangers of the year that is now drawing to a close. Not by our own strength, nor for our righteousness, have we been spared. But because thy compassions fail not, and for thy mercy's sake, we have not been consumed. Our sins are all naked and open unto thee, from our youth up until now. We humble ourselves before thee, confessing and bewailing all that we have done amiss. Enter not into judgment with us: but spare us, according to thy great goodness. According to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our offences. Pardon and accept us, for the sake of thy only begotten Son, whom thou didst send into the world, to take our nature upon him, that he might redeem us unto thee by his blood. Turn us from our iniquities; wash us

thoroughly from our wickedness; and cleanse us from our sins; and let them all be buried with the closing year, to rise up against us no more forever.

Keep us mindful, O Lord, as the years of our life pass away, that the end of all things is at hand; and make us sober and watchful unto prayer. May we never forget, that we are strangers and pilgrims upon earth, and that here we have no continuing city; and may we learn diligently to seek one to come. Our years pass away like a shadow, or a vapor, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. Lord, teach us so to remember our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us to know our end, and the measure of our days, that we may consider how frail we are, and may be admonished to redeem the time that remains. Give us grace to watch and pray, since we know neither the day, nor the hour, when the Son of man cometh. May we be always ready, with our loins girt about, and our lights burning: that whensoever he may say, Behold, I come quickly, we may be able to reply, Even so, come Lord Jesus. Above all, we beseech thee to preserve in our minds, a lively remembrance, that it is appointed unto us once to die, and after death the judgment; and that we shall, every one, receive the things done in

the body, according to that we have done, whether it be good or whether it be evil. May we so regard thy threatenings and promises, that when we die, we may die the death of the righteous, and our last end be like his. Help us to fight the good fight, to finish our course, and to keep the faith, that there may be laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which thou, the righteous and merciful Judge, will give unto us in that day.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Hear our intercession, O Lord, for all who are partakers of the same frail nature with ourselves. Take the little children into the arms of thy mercy, and bless and preserve them. Look in tender compassion upon those who are in the morning of their years. May they remember their Creator in the days of their youth, before the evil days come and the years draw nigh, of which they shall say, there is no pleasure in them. May they seek thee early, and become, in name and in truth, thy sons and daughters. May they grow in wisdom, as they grow in years, and in favor with thee and man. Mercifully regard, also, such as are in the strength and vigor of life; and dispose them to give unto thee the best of their days. Lastly, we pray thee to remember those whose strength is now but labor and sorrow. Enable them to bring forth fruit in their old age,

according to the ability which yet remains. May they come to their graves at last, as a shock of corn cometh in his season. When their flesh and their heart fail them, be thou the strength of their heart, and their portion forever. Grant all this, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit ourselves, and all for whom we are bound to pray. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

First Morning of the Year.

Almighty and everlasting God, who livest and abidest forever—with whom one day is as a thousand, and a thousand years as one day—who wast, and who art, and who art to come—thou hast made our days as it were a span long: Our age is as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. Sin having entered into the world, and death

by sin, we consume away in thy displeasure; and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation. Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee, and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. When thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. But we bless thee, O Lord, for thy continued goodness and forbearance. We bless thee, that though in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. We praise thee for the gift of him, who was manifest in the flesh, that he might destroy death; and hath brought life and immortality to light by the gospel; in whom whosoever believeth shall live, though he die; and whosoever liveth and believeth in him shall not die eternally. We give thee thanks, also, heavenly Father, for sparing us from year to year, and for giving us further space for trial and amendment. And we beseech thee still to spare us, O Lord most holy, O God most mighty; and, at last, to deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death.

May thy great goodness lead us to repentance. With this new year, may we begin a new life, and engage in our Christian course with fresh ardor. Quicken us in the way of righteousness, and enable us to present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto thee, which is our reasonable service. And,

as on this day, thou didst make thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man, we beseech thee to grant unto us the true circumcision of the spirit; that our hearts and all our members being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey thy blessed will.

O Lord, let us never forget the solemn and affecting truth, that this year may be our last. May we not boast ourselves even of to-morrow; for we know not what a day may bring forth, and there may be but a step between us and death. Enable us to work while it is called to-day, before the night cometh, when no man can work. Whatever good our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither we are going.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant thy blessing, heavenly Father, to our fellow-creatures, and especially our friends and relatives, according to their several necessities. Be merciful to those who have lived all the years of their life, in carelessness and sin. Give them grace to think on their ways, and to turn their feet unto thy testimonies, before the things that belong to their peace be forever hidden from their eyes. Turn the hearts of those who have set their affections on this

world, and are minding only earthly things. Touch the minds of all who are putting off their repentance from year to year, with the awful thought, that hereafter they may find no place for repentance, though they may seek it carefully, and with tears. Cause them to see, that now is the accepted time, that now is the day of salvation. Look in pity upon those who, having once escaped the pollution of the world, are again entangled therein and overcome. Burst their chains of bondage, and bring them into the perfect liberty of thy children. Be gracious unto all who have chosen that good part, which none can take from them. May they go on from strength to strength, till every one of them appear before thee in Zion. Finally, we beseech thee to look with special favor upon those, the days of whose pilgrimage are drawing to a close, and the time of whose departure is at hand. Even in their old age be thou with them; and in their hoary hairs do thou support them. And, when thou hast guided them here by thy counsel, receive them hereafter to the kingdom of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Epiphany—Morning.

[To be used with the other prayers, in the morning of the Feast of Epiphany, the 6th of January, whether it falls on Sunday or any other day.]

O God, who by the leading of a star, didst manifest thy only begotten Son to the Gentiles; mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LENT.

Ash-Wednesday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; we humble ourselves before thee, acknowledging our sinfulness, and seeking mercy and forgiveness at thy hands. Thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth; and hast graciously invited us, in thy holy word, to turn unto thee and live. The sacrifices of a broken and contrite spirit, thou wilt not despise. Give us grace, heavenly Father, that we may come unto thee, weary and heavy-laden with the burden of our sins, and thus find rest to our souls. Enter not into judgment with us, thy unworthy servants. Mercifully forgive us our trespasses. In thy tender compassion receive and comfort us; and through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, absolve us from all our offences.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation. Turn thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Send help from thy holy place, and let our sighing come before the.

Grant, O Lord, that this day may be unto us, such a fast as thou hast chosen. May the ministers of thy word blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in thy holy mountain, and call a solemn assembly and gather the people. And we beseech thee, heavenly Father, to look down with pity and compassion upon all those who present themselves before thee this day, in true penitence and contrition of heart. Thou knowest all their infirmities, and all their wants. Be thou a present God, to help them in their weakness, and to supply their necessities. Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great kindness. Thou sparest, when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of thy judgments thou rememberest mercy. Spare thy people, who turn to thee in fasting, and weeping, and mourning. Receive with favor, the prayers and supplications of thy servants, who shall this day intercede for perishing sinners. And what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands in thy house, then

hear thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh, being subdued by the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Ash Wednesday Evening.

O most merciful God, who according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more; open thine eye of mercy upon us thy servants. We most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness, for all that thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Renew in us, heavenly Father, whatsoever hath been impaired by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailty. Keep us in the faith, and in the unity of thy holy Church. Impute not unto us our former

sins; but strengthen us by thy holy Spirit; and fit and prepare us to dwell with thee forever.

O God, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy; we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to comfort and succor us, in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us. Correct us not in thine anger, neither chasten us in thy heavy displeasure. Give us a right understanding of thy threats and promises; that we may neither cast away our confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Relieve the distressed; protect the innocent; and awaken the careless and negligent. And forasmuch as thou alone canst bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the trials and troubles which we may endure, may tend to purify our hearts, and set us free from the bondage of sin, and the wiles of the adversary. Show thy servants the light of thy countenance, and save us for thy mercies' sake.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant, O Lord, that the solemn season on which we have now entered, may prove a time of refreshing to our souls. Give unto us a spirit of prayer and supplication; that we may approach thy throne with humble reverence and godly fear; and hearken unto our

voice, O Lord, when we cry unto thee. Make us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to call our past ways to remembrance, that we may chasten our souls, under a sense of our manifold transgressions. Help us to meditate on all thy goodness and forbearance, while we have rebelled against thee, and provoked thee to anger. Help us to confess and forsake our sins, that thou mayest have mercy upon us. Be not displeased with us forever. Turn our hearts unto thee, and let thine anger cease from us. Help us to keep a watch over our hearts, and over all our future ways; that so we may serve thee in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life.

O Almighty God, who art a most strong tower to all who put their trust in thee; to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; we commend to thy gracious care and protection, all our dear relatives and friends, both present and absent. Be now and evermore our defence; and make us to know and to feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom and through whom we may receive salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And in this all-prevailing name, we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Sunday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; we acknowledge our manifold sins and bewail our wickedness. We humble ourselves before thee, as unworthy transgressors, who have grievously rebelled against thee. By unholy thoughts, by evil words, by unrighteous deeds, we have offended thy divine majesty, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against us. But, O Lord, we beseech thee, to bow down thine ear and hear us. Comfort the souls of thy servants; for we lift up our hearts unto thee. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for all our misdoings: The remembrance of them is grievous unto us: The burden of them is intolerable. O Lord, enter not into judgment with us; but deliver us, and be merciful unto us, for thy name's sake. Thy property is always to have mercy. Spare us, therefore, good Lord; spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness,

may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O God, we bless thee for thy great mercy, in bringing us to the beginning of this holy day. We adore thee for thy patience and forbearance, in all thy dealings with us, thy unworthy servants. And we beseech thee to pour out upon us the abundance of thy grace, that we may faithfully devote this day to the sacred purposes for which thou hast appointed it. Permit us to assemble together in thy house of prayer. There may we draw near to thee, and worship and fall down before thee, the Lord our Maker. There may we offer the sacrifice of a broken spirit. There may we confess our sins. There may we hear the comfortable tidings of thy gospel. There may we partake of all thy mercies in Christ Jesus, and wash in the fountain of that blood which cleanseth from all sin.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, make this a day of rest and spiritual refreshment, to those whose souls have a desire and longing to enter into thy courts. Remember them in mercy; and guide and direct them, by thy heavenly grace, in their private meditations; and let their prayers come up before thee as incense, and the lifting up of their hands as an acceptable sacrifice.

Look with pity and compassion, O Lord, upon those who disregard and profane this sacred day. Awaken them to a sense of their guilt and their danger. Give them true repentance; that they may turn away from all their wickedness, and henceforth walk in the way of thy commandments.

To all who are near and dear to us, heavenly Father, extend thy mercies. Govern and support them in prosperity and in tribulation; in health and in sickness; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

O Lord, God of our salvation, we present our supplications before thee; knowing that thy arm is not shortened, that it can not save, nor thy ear heavy, that it can not hear. Let our prayer enter into thy presence, and incline thine ear unto our calling. Let not our iniquities separate between us and thee our God,

nor our sins cause thee to hide thy face from us. Cast us not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy Spirit from us.

We acknowledge, merciful Father, the imperfection of our best services, during the day which is now closing. The wanderings of our thoughts, the coldness of our devotions, our carelessness, and negligence, and hardness, are all known to thee. Pardon, O Lord, all our weaknesses and infirmities, and quicken us to greater diligence and fidelity in the performance of our duty to thee, to our neighbor, and to ourselves. Enable us to devote ourselves, with all our powers and faculties, to thee and thy service. May we keep in lively remembrance the truths which have been delivered to us this day; that the words which we have heard with our outward ears, may be engrafted inwardly in our hearts, and bring forth in us the fruit of good living. Give us thy holy Spirit, to enlighten our understanding, and purify our hearts; that all our wishes and desires may centre in what thou hast commanded. Make us instrumental, according to our ability and opportunity, in promoting the salvation of all men, and especially those who are the most closely united to us in the bonds of friendship and society. Be thou ever with us in the performance of our several duties; in prayer, to quicken our devotions; in praises,

to heighten our love and gratitude; and in all our works, to set a bright example to those around us.

We intercede with thee, heavenly Father, for thy Church militant here on earth; for her ministers and people; and for all who profess and call themselves Christians. Guard thy flock, O thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment. And illuminate, we beseech thee, all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that through their faithful preaching and good example, all thy people may increase in grace, and meekly hear thy word, and receive it with pure affection, and bring forth abundantly the fruits of the Spirit.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Almighty God, we commit ourselves to thy care and keeping this night. We are weak and defenceless, exposed to dangers on every side, and unable to help ourselves. Keep us outwardly in our bodies, during the unguarded hours of repose; that no evil may befall us, nor any alarm or terror disturb us. Keep us also inwardly in our souls; that no wicked or hurtful thoughts, no corrupt imaginations, no wiles of the adversary, may assail us. Defend

us from all adversities; and bring us in peace and safety to the beginning of another day; that being refreshed in body, and strengthened by thy Spirit in the inner man, we may enter upon our respective duties with increasing trust and confidence in thy mercy, and with renewed purposes of serving thee faithfully and truly to the end of our days. We ask these blessings for ourselves, and for all our friends, relatives, and brethren, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name and words we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Monday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O God, heavenly Father, who makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee, accept our hearty thanks for all thy mercies, and especially for the rest and refreshment of the past night. With this renewed token of thy goodness, give us newness of heart to serve thee. Look with favor upon our earnest desires, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our unfailing defence and protection. Help us to amend our ways and our doings; that we may obey thy voice, and

walk in the way that thou hast commanded us; that thou mayest be our God, and we may be thy people. Turn us from all our sins, that we may keep thy statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, and save our souls alive.

O blessed Jesus, grant us grace, so to confess thee before men, that thou mayest confess us before thy Father in heaven. Make us watchful and circumspect, that we fall not again into our former transgressions. Endue us with strength and fortitude, to take up our cross daily and follow thee, whithersoever thy voice shall call us. May we be strong, O Lord, in the power of thy might. May we put on the whole armor of God, and fight manfully against our spiritual enemies. With the girdle of truth; the breast-plate of righteousness; the shield of faith; the helmet of salvation; and the sword of the Spirit; may we be able to stand against the fiery darts of the wicked, and all the wiles of the adversary.

O holy, blessed, and Eternal Spirit; vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in all the pursuits of this day. Quicken us to renewed diligence in our several duties; and make us just and upright in all our dealings; and charitable, kind, and compassionate in all the relations of life.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies can not be numbered; make us, at all times, and under all circumstances, duly sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and of the transitory nature of all earthly things. Thou hast made our days as it were a span long; and our age is even nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living, is altogether vanity. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Guide and direct us by thy powerful hand, as we pass through this vale of misery; that so we may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life; that when our probation shall be brought to a close, we may be gathered in peace to our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; the witness of the Spirit that we are the children of God; in the communion of the saints; in the confidence of a living faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world.

All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Monday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose merciful providence we are preserved from day to day, enable us to draw near to thee with reverence and godly fear. Thou knowest, O Lord, the secrets of every heart. Turn thee unto us, in loving kindness, and hearken unto our prayer. Pardon, we beseech thee, all the sins of this day. Thou art full of compassion and mercy, long suffering, and of great goodness. Thou hast not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Be gracious unto us, and look with pity on all our weaknesses and infirmities. Hide not thy face from us when we cry unto thee; but refresh us with thy Spirit, and show us the light of thy countenance. By thy help alone, we are enabled to will and to do those things which are good and acceptable unto thee. Grant us thy continual mercy and grace. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over us, to sustain and support us. Let thy holy Spirit be ever with us, to guide, and direct, and lead us in the knowledge and obedience of thy word; that so in the end, we may obtain everlasting life.

To thy gracious care and protection, Heavenly Father, we commit ourselves and all our friends and relatives, this night. Guard us, we beseech thee, from every danger: and bring us in peace and safety to the beginning of another day. And enable us, by thy grace, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called; with lowliness and meekness; with long suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit, in the bond of peace; till we all come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.

Give us grace to put off the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; that we may be renewed in the spirit of our mind, and may put on the new man, which after God, is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Grant us, O God, according to the riches of thy grace, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of thee our God.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Morning.

O Almighty and most merciful God, we humble ourselves before thee as unworthy sinners. In thy great goodness, have mercy upon us, and hearken unto our prayer. We approach thy throne, in weakness, and infirmity, and in fear and trembling. We ask nothing for our own merits or righteousness: For we are a sinful people, laden with iniquity. But for thy dear Son's sake, hide not thy face from us; but incline thine ear when we call upon thee in his all prevailing name. For his sake, help and deliver us. For his sake, have mercy upon us; O God, have mercy upon us.

O God, look down in kindness and compassion upon this nation. Bestow thy heavenly grace on our civil rulers and magistrates;

that they may rule in thy fear, and in humble reliance on thy guidance and protection; that so, thy people, being secure through the protection of equal laws, and the administration of impartial justice, may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; and live in love and unity with each other, and in peace and friendship with all mankind. Save us, O God, from sin, and all its evil consequences. Send us help from thy holy place, and evermore mightily defend us. Let the enemy have no advantage of us; nor the wicked come near to hurt us. Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower; that thy people may rejoice in thee, and in the multitude of thy mercies find plenteous redemption.

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast the bright beams of light upon thy holy Church. Give to her Bishops and other Ministers, knowledge of thy will; and endue them with grace to preach thy word with faithfulness and zeal, and to set a bright example of blameless living, before the flocks committed to their trust. And grant that thy people, being rightly instructed in the doctrines of thy word, may so walk in the light of thy truth, that they may at length attain to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, enable us to walk with watchfulness and circumspection this day; to guard

against the sins which most easily beset us; to restrain every unholy passion; to subdue the desires and appetites which war against the soul; to cultivate the virtues and graces of our Christian calling; and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. May we never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified; and we beseech thee, gracious God, to give us strength to fight manfully under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end.

We commend to thy mercy and grace, heavenly Father, all our relatives, friends and brethren, whether present or absent. May their repentance be perfect, and their faith strong, and their love fervent, and their hope steadfast; that so, they may live to thy glory, and at last be gathered with all the faithful to the mansions of everlasting bliss.

We present these our humble and imperfect petitions, in the name and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

O Lord, God Almighty, gracious and merciful, who art slow to anger, and of great kindness, let our prayer enter into thy presence, and incline thine ear unto our calling. Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would we give it thee. The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. We acknowledge our faults, and our sin is ever before us. But, we beseech thee, rebuke us not in thine anger. Chasten us not in thy heavy displeasure: Have compassion upon us, and wash us thoroughly from our wickedness, and cleanse us from our sins. Teach us thy ways, and lead us in the paths of righteousness. Guide us by thy counsel, and govern us by thy good Spirit. Enable us to draw near to thee at this time, with reverence and godly fear, that we may look for an answer of peace, through the merits and intercession of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank thee, heavenly Father, for the daily blessings and bounties of thy good providence. Our days are passing away like a shadow, and all flesh is withering like grass. We are admonished by every instance of mortality, of the shortness and uncertainty of hu-

man life, and of the transitory nature of all earthly things. But of thy great goodness, O Lord, our days are still prolonged. Thou art graciously pleased to give us farther space for repentance, and new opportunities for making our peace with thee. Grant us grace, we beseech thee, so to improve the time that remains, that when our years shall come to an end, we may be well fitted and prepared for thy heavenly kingdom.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O Lord God, who hast taught us to make prayers and supplications for others as well as for ourselves, be graciously pleased to hear our intercessions for all men. Be merciful to our friends, relatives, and brethren. Keep them in safety during the perils of this night, and bring them in health and peace to the beginning of another day. Above all, guard them from the enticements of sin, and from the wiles of the adversary, that they may serve thee, the living God, in righteousness and holiness, all the days of their life.

Show the light of thy countenance to those who fear thee, and hope in thy mercy. And to those who are in heaviness through manifold temptations, extend thy compassion and loving kindness. In the midst of the sorrows which they have in their hearts, let thy comforts refresh their souls. And may it please thee, O

Lord, who hast thyself suffered, being tempted, to succor them also that are tempted.

Have pity, heavenly Father, upon those who have hitherto trodden under foot thy beloved Son, and have counted the blood of the everlasting covenant an unholy thing, and are doing despite to the spirit of grace. Awaken them to true repentance and contrition of heart, that they may hereafter walk in newness of life, and serve thee acceptably all their days.

And, O God, we beseech thee, have compassion on those who have departed from the truth, and fallen away from the faith, and are sinning wilfully after having received the knowledge of the truth. Renew them again to repentance; and grant that they may no more crucify thy dear Son, and put him to open shame; but may from henceforth glorify God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

O gracious and merciful God, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; we humble ourselves before thee, acknowledging our sinfulness, and seeking mercy and forgiveness at thy hands.

Thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth; and hast graciously invited us, in thy holy word, to turn unto thee and live. The sacrifices of a broken and contrite spirit, thou wilt not despise. Give us grace, heavenly Father, that we may come unto thee, weary and heavy-laden with the burden of our sins, and thus find rest to our souls. Enter not into judgment with us, thy unworthy servants. Mercifully forgive us our trespasses. In thy tender compassion, receive and comfort us; and through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, absolve us from all our offences. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation. Turn thy face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Send help from thy holy place, and let our supplications come acceptably before thee.

Grant, O Lord, that this solemn season may be made profitable to the souls of thy people. Give power and grace to the ministers of thy word, that they may lift up the voice of warning, and admonish the impenitent and careless of their danger; and awaken the negligent and lukewarm to renewed diligence and fidelity in the duties of their calling. And we beseech thee, heavenly Father, to look down with pity and compassion upon all those who present themselves before thee in true penitence and contrition of heart. Thou knowest

all their infirmities, and all their wants. Be thou a present God, to help them in their weakness, and to supply their necessities. Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great kindness. Thou sparest, when we deserve punishment, and in the midst of thy judgments, thou rememberest mercy. Spare thy people, who turn to thee in a broken spirit. And, O God, receive with favor the prayers and supplications of thy servants, who shall intercede for perishing sinners. And what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands before thee; then hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for our sake didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that our flesh, being subdued by the Spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to thy honor and glory, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that thou rememberest them no more, open thine eye of mercy upon us thy servants. We most earnestly desire pardon and forgiveness, for all that thou hast seen amiss in us this day. Renew in us, heavenly Father, whatsoever hath been impaired by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by our own carnal will and frailty. Keep us in the faith, and in the unity of thy holy Church. Impute not unto us our former sins; but strengthen us by thy holy Spirit, and fit and prepare us to dwell with thee forever.

O God, who sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath rememberest mercy, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to comfort and succor us in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us. Correct us not in thine anger, neither chasten us in thy heavy displeasure. Give us a right understanding of thy threats and promises, that we may neither cast away our confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Relieve the distressed; protect the innocent; and awaken the careless and negligent. And forasmuch as thou alone canst

bring light out of darkness, and good out of evil, grant that the trials and troubles which we may endure, may tend to purify our hearts, and set us free from the bondage of sin and the wiles of the adversary. Show thy servants the light of thy countenance, and save us for thy mercies' sake.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant, O Lord, that this solemn season may prove a time of refreshing to our souls. Give unto us a spirit of prayer and supplication, that we may approach thy throne at all times with humble reverence and godly fear; and hearken unto our voice, O Lord, when we cry unto thee. Make us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Help us to call our past ways to remembrance, that we may chasten our souls, under a sense of our manifold transgressions. Help us to meditate on all thy goodness and forbearance, while we have rebelled against thee, and provoked thee to anger. Help us to confess and forsake our sins, that thou mayest have mercy upon us. Be not displeased with us forever. Turn our hearts unto thee, and let thine anger cease from us. Help us to keep a watch over our hearts, and over all our future ways; that so we may serve thee in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life.

O Almighty God, who art a most strong

tower to all who put their trust in thee; to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey; we commend to thy gracious care and protection, all our dear relatives and friends, both present and absent. Be now and evermore our defence; and make us to know and to feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom and through whom we may receive salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And in this all-prevailing name we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Thursday Morning.

Almighty God and merciful Father, thou art our hope and our strong hold: thou art our God, in whom we will trust. Thou hast kept us through the dangers of the past night: Thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another day. For these, thy great mercies, we bless thee, we praise thee, we glorify thy name. May we come before thee, under a deep and humiliating sense of our unworthiness. Helpless and miserable sinners, we ask nothing for our own merits or deser-

vings. But we know, O Lord God, that thou art full of compassion and mercy, long-suffering, and plenteous in goodness and truth. O turn thee unto us, therefore, in pity and forbearance, and have mercy upon us. For the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, pardon our transgressions, and receive us graciously, and hear the supplications which we present unto thee in his all-prevailing name.

And since we are by nature prone to evil, and unable of ourselves to purify our hearts, we pray thee, O God, to cleanse our thoughts by the powerful efficacy of thy grace, from all vain desires, and sinful imaginations. Grant unto us thy holy Spirit. May it dwell within us, as a spirit of purity and holiness, a spirit of truth and of wisdom, of peace also, and love, and of holy joy, and consolation. May we pass this day in humble consciousness of our dependence, in thankful remembrance of thy mercies, and in the diligent performance of thy commandments. May no evil thoughts, or angry passions, or distressing doubts or fears disturb us. May we serve thee, our God, with cheerfulness and fidelity; and live in peace, and charity, and brotherly love with all men. May we be kind and benevolent; patient under adversity, and thankful in prosperity; and pass all our days in sobriety, moderation, and temperance.

We pray thee, O Lord, so to animate our minds with the glorious hopes set before us in thy word, that all our present trials, and sacrifices, and self-denials, may be borne with cheerful resignation and submission. May we count the loss of all things as nothing, in comparison with the inward satisfaction and joy, which the gospel affords in the midst of worldly disappointments. But, O God, deliver us, we beseech thee, from every false or delusive hope. Let us examine well our foundation; and let us remember, that other foundation can no man lay, than that which is laid, even Jesus Christ our Lord. On this foundation may we begin, and continue, and finish, all our doings; until every evil habit is destroyed, every sinful inclination cast out, every temptation overcome, and every terror done away; and until the Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

To the care and protection of thy good providence, heavenly Father, we now commend ourselves, and all our relatives, friends, and brethren. Look with favor upon those who ask an interest in our prayers; and may our mutual and united supplications ascend to thy throne as acceptable incense, and receive

an answer of peace, through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Thursday Evening.

O merciful God and heavenly Father, Maker of all things, and Judge of all men, we, the helpless creatures of thy bounty, and the humble dependants on thy will, desire now to offer up our acknowledgments to thee, for all thy goodness, and especially for thy over-ruling care and protection during the past day. We approach thy throne as unworthy sinners, and implore thy forgiving mercy. We lament the trespasses which we daily commit against thee. Thou knowest all our infirmities, and seest all our hearts, and searchest out all our ways. Pity, we beseech thee, our blindness and ignorance, and our proneness to err from the paths of uprightness. Our hearts are deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; and we know not in how many things we constantly offend. But we beseech thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, to pardon what-

ever evil we have thought, or said, or done this day. Turn away thy face from the multitude of our iniquities, and enable us to examine our hearts and lives by the light of thine unerring word, that we may repent and turn from our transgressions, that iniquity may not be our ruin.

We pray thee to pour down upon us the gift of thy holy Spirit, that we may amend our ways, and purify our hearts, and walk before thee in newness of life. Teach us to improve the means of grace and knowledge with which we are favored: Remembering always, that unto whom much is given, of them will much be required. Let us not bury the talent which thou hast bestowed upon us, lest we stand condemned as unprofitable servants. As we have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so let us walk in him. May we cultivate those tempers, and abound in those works, which the gospel requires. May the graces of meekness and patience, of kindness and forbearance, of benevolence and charity, be the ornaments of our lives. Being established in the love of God, may we also love our fellow-men with pureness and singleness of heart: And let us abound in all the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the praise and glory of God.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, to bless unto us the events of thy holy providence; and so to order all things, during the remainder of our days, that they may issue in our eternal good. Make us duly sensible at all times, of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. Teach us to realize the solemn truth, that we know not what a day may bring forth, or what shall be on the morrow. Sanctify to us all the vicissitudes through which we are called to pass, whether prosperity or adversity, health or sickness, joy or sorrow. May we consider all things as coming from thy fatherly hand; that we may neither repine under thy chastisements, nor prove forgetful of thy mercies. In cheerfulness and contentment; and in reconciliation with thee, our God, may we enjoy peace within ourselves, and live in perfect charity with all mankind.

We ask for all, for ourselves, and in behalf of those who are near and dear to us, in the name of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Friday Morning.

O most merciful God, behold with compassion thy weak and sinful creatures, waiting for thy blessing at the throne of grace. Grant us a spirit of prayer and supplication, that we may approach thee in a time acceptable, and offer unto thee the sincere devotions of humble and contrite hearts. And hear us, we beseech thee, in loving kindness; and in the multitude of thy tender mercies, draw nigh unto thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with the precious blood of thy dear Son.

We do not present our supplications, hoping to be heard for our own righteousness; for we acknowledge that we are unworthy sinners, and can not justify ourselves in thy sight. But we bow the knee before thee in the name of him, whom thou thyself hast made the Lord our Righteousness: And through him we pray thee to show us thy mercy, and to grant us thy salvation.

May we now go forth to the discharge of our several duties, in thy fear, and in humble dependence on thy protection. Grant us thy Holy Spirit, to guide and direct us in all the relations of life, and to restrain us from every vain and sinful indulgence. Enable us to abstain from those luxuries and pleasures which

turn away the heart from serving thee, and endanger the peace and welfare of the soul. Preserve us from the snares and enticements of the wicked. Keep our feet from falling, and our souls from death, that we may walk before thee in the light of the living. Dispose us, day by day, to give all diligence, to add to our faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. Grant that these, and all other heavenly dispositions, may be in us and abound, that so we may not be idle or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Prepare us, O God, for the various changes of this mortal life. In every visitation, may we see thy over-ruling hand; that we may humble ourselves in adversity, and receive thy bounties with devout and thankful hearts. Regard with compassion all sorts and conditions of men. Preserve the rich from temptation; and teach them to trust not in uncertain riches, but in thee the living God. And to the poor, give contentment and submission; that they may be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which thou hast promised to them that love thee. Save and defend all the faithful in Christ Jesus. Holy Father, keep through

thine own name those whom thou hast given him; that they all may be one, as thou, Father, art in him, and he in thee; that they also may be one, even as ye are one.

Comfort the afflicted; succor the tempted; strengthen the weak; instruct the ignorant; and reclaim the wandering: And grant unto all men, that godliness which is profitable unto all things; having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Friday Evening.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who art our constant protector, and the giver of every blessing which we enjoy; we humbly and heartily thank thee for thy mercies during the past day; and we pray thee to preserve us through the night, and to cause thy peace at this time to rest upon us. We ask the forgiveness of all our sins. Remember not against us the transgressions of this day, or of

our past lives: But grant unto us true repentance, and a saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us a due sense of our great unworthiness, and of the manifold transgressions which we daily commit against thee. Help us to exercise that godly sorrow which worketh repentance unto salvation. And when we appear before thee, weary and heavy-laden with the burden of our sins, we beseech thee to show unto us the light of thy reconciled countenance, and grant us the comforts of thy Holy Spirit; that we may go to our rest in peace, and in the hope of pardon of all our sins, through the all-prevailing merits of our dear Redeemer.

Teach us, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Let us remember, that we are daily and hourly drawing nearer to the grave: And may we learn, by every instance of mortality, that our hold on life is feeble and uncertain, and we know not how soon it may please thee to bring it to an end. O blessed Lord, by whose mercy we have been spared another day, give us grace to redeem the time that yet remains, and to use all diligence to fill up the measure of our duties, and to finish the work which thou hast given us to do, before we be called hence, to give up our account to thee.

Let us beware, that we stifle not the voice of an awakened conscience, nor neglect or delay to execute any good resolutions which, by thy grace, we have formed. Above all, may no one put off the work of repentance, or refuse to hear the warnings of the gospel. Dispose us, at the close of every day, to try and examine our lives by the standard of thy holy word; that we may turn from every evil way, and live henceforth as becomes the creatures of thy bounty, and the partakers of thy grace.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Bless, we pray thee, all our relatives, friends, and brethren. Make them thy children by adoption and grace, and extend to them all the benefits of thy gospel. Have mercy on our native land; and continue to us, if it please thee, the blessings which we have so long and so unthankfully enjoyed. Save us from national judgments; and punish us not according to our deserts. But spare us, good Lord; spare us, for the sake of thy dear Son. Give wisdom and integrity, we beseech thee, to our civil rulers and magistrates. May they rule in thy fear, and seek thy glory. Endue them, and the people under them, with that righteousness which exalteth a nation; and save them from those sins which are a reproach to any people.

These and all other things needful for our bodies and our souls, for our temporal and eternal interests, we humbly ask, in the name of our only mediator and intercessor, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O most gracious and merciful God, we beseech thee to pour down thy blessing on us, thy servants, who are now assembled in thy presence, to confess our sins, to praise thy name, and to implore the continuance of thy mercies through another day. We are weak and helpless, sinful and corrupt, and exposed to danger on every side. We stand in continual need of thy assistance; and without thee we can do nothing. But how shall we come into thy presence, before whom the angels veil their faces, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean! Blessed be thy holy name that a door of access has been opened to thy throne, through the atoning sacrifice of thy beloved Son. Blessed be thy holy name, for the gracious assurance, that whosoever shall seek thy

face through the all-prevailing efficacy of his intercession, shall in no wise be cast out. We come to thee, pleading this thy assurance; and we beseech thee, of thine infinite goodness, to continue to us this day, thy wonted care and protection; and enable us to discharge, with fidelity and diligence, all the duties of our several callings.

Enable us to pass this day, under an abiding sense of thy continual presence, wheresoever we are. Let us remember, that thou searchest out all our ways; and that there is not a word in our tongue, or a thought or intent of our heart, that is not known to thee our God. We pray thee therefore to bring all our most secret thoughts into subjection to the gospel; and enable us so to live, that we may have the testimony of our consciences, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, we have our conversation in the world.

Give us grace to overcome our sinful appetites and passions; to mortify our pride; and to bring every member of our bodies, and every faculty of our souls, into captivity to the law of Christ. May we put away all hatred and variance, all anger and strife, all malice and evil-speaking; and learn to forgive one another, even as we hope to be forgiven.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Prepare us, O God, for all the events of this day. Sanctify to us our prosperity and our adversity, our health and our sickness, our daily comforts and enjoyments, as well as our anxieties and disappointments. Purify our hearts more and more, by the various dispensations of thy providence; and fit us, by the several vicissitudes of this mortal life, for that great and final change which we must soon experience.

We earnestly commend to thy fatherly care, all those whom it is our duty to remember in our prayers. Be merciful to all men; and especially to the poor, the sick, the needy, and the afflicted. Make all their troubles and trials to work together for their present and eternal good, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Saturday Evening.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we come before thee, humbled under a sense of our sins and infirmities, beseeching thee to look down upon us in thy wonted pity and

compassion, pardoning our iniquities, and accepting our supplications, for Jesus Christ's sake.

In the midst of thy manifold and great mercies, we lament the coldness of our hearts, and the imperfection of our best services. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and we feel and acknowledge that, in our best estate, we are unprofitable servants. But, O God, we draw near to thee, in penitence and contrition, asking forgiveness for all our misdoings, and especially for the transgressions of the past day. Who can tell how often he offendeth! O cleanse us, we beseech thee, from our secret faults; and purify our hearts, and sanctify our affections, that we may henceforth serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life.

We ask nothing for our own merits: But we plead the name of Jesus Christ thy Son, in whom thou hast taught us to place our whole confidence and hope. O Father Almighty, pardon us for his sake. May his meritorious sacrifice atone for our offences: May his precious blood cleanse our hearts from every stain of guilt: May his intercession prevail with thee in our behalf: May we believe unfeignedly in his name: May we bring

forth fruits of obedience worthy of this faith: May we be justified freely by his grace: And may we go to rest this night, in peace with thee, and in perfect charity with all mankind.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Prepare our minds, O God, for the solemn duties of the ensuing day. Give us grace to examine our hearts and lives, by the standard of thy pure and holy law. Let us earnestly inquire, whether we have truly renounced the devil and all his works, the vain pomp and glory of the world, and the sinful desires of the flesh. Let us search out all deceitful evasions, and flattering disguises, and endeavor to know ourselves, even as we are known of thee. Let us look back on our past transgressions, with shame and contrition, and with sincere purpose and desire to live hereafter to thy glory. And being thus prepared, O God, may the coming sabbath be a day of rest and peace to our souls. May we go with the multitude, to thy house of prayer. There may we offer thee a holy worship. May we grow in grace, and learn more and more how to walk so as to please thee; and thus be prepared for that better sabbath, that eternal rest, which remains for the people of God.

Grant us these our humble petitions, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious care and protection we now commit ourselves, and all our relatives, friends, and brethren, for this night. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

PASSION WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping thy covenant and mercy to them that love thee and obey thy commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, even by departing from thy precepts, and from thy judgments; neither have we hearkened unto thy holy word. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee. To thee, our God, belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against thee; neither have we obeyed thy voice, to walk in thy laws, which thou hast set before us. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, we beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from

us. Hear our prayers and our supplications, which we make before thee this day; and cause thy face to shine upon us in thy sanctuary: For we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies in Christ Jesus.

We adore thee, heavenly Father, for thy tender love towards mankind, in sending thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ into the world, to take upon him our flesh, and suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. Grant us grace to meditate, with deep humility and contrition, on this great mystery of godliness. Grant that the lessons of thy holy word, which are brought before us this day, may prove profitable to us, for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that we may be perfected in holiness, and thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

When we behold our blessed Saviour, betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, to be crucified, may we learn to guard against those wicked and deceitful lusts which war against the soul. When we witness the weakness and frailty of the early disciples of our suffering Lord, may we the more earnestly seek for that grace, which alone can strengthen our faith, and help us in time of need. When we call to our remembrance the Saviour's agony and bloody sweat, and

behold him exceeding sorrowful, even unto death, may our hearts bleed with penitence and contrition; and may we abhor and renounce those sins and iniquities for which he was stricken, and wounded, and put to grief. When we see him despised and rejected, and hear the cry of Crucify him! Crucify him! may we strive to subdue those unholy passions, by which we crucify our Lord afresh, and put his cause to open shame. When we see the meek and lowly Redeemer, led as a lamb to the slaughter, neither opening his mouth, nor resisting the violence of his oppressors, may we learn to imitate the example of his great humility, and patiently follow him whithersoever his voice shall call us. When we see the atoning blood, flowing down from the cross, may we, by a true and living faith, so apply it to our hearts, that our guilt may be washed away, and we may appear before thee, clothed in the spotless robe of the righteousness of Christ,

And may we from henceforth, O God, faithfully follow that Blessed and Holy One, whom thou hast highly exalted, and to whom thou hast given a name that is above every name; that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, we adore thee for thy tender compassion and loving kindness to us, and to the whole family of mankind. We bless thee for the gift of thy dear Son, through whose atoning sacrifice we are brought near to thee, and by whose meritorious death and passion we are redeemed from death, and from the guilt and burden of our sins. We do not presume to come before thee, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We acknowledge and bewail our many and sore offences, for which our Lord Jesus Christ humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the painful death of the cross; and for which thou wast pleased to bruise him, and put him to grief. May we keep in lively remembrance the agonies which

he endured for our sake. May we remember, that he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; that he was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities; that the chastisement of our peace was upon him; that by his stripes we are healed; and that upon him was laid the iniquity of us all. May we remember the exceeding great love of our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ, in dying for our sins, and the innumerable benefits, which by his precious blood-shedding he hath obtained for us. And may we offer and present unto thee, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice; humbly beseeching thee, at all times, to accept our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant, heavenly Father, that the instructive lessons which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may, through thy grace, be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruits of good living; and that in all our walk and conversation, we may henceforth glory in nothing else but the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prepare our hearts, O God, for the solemn duties of the present week. Direct our meditations, and give us grace to enter into thy

presence, by the blood of Jesus, by that new and living way which he hath consecrated for us; and having him for our Great High Priest, may we draw near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. May we hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, knowing that he is faithful who hath promised to him that overcometh, a crown of victory and eternal glory. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unto God's gracious care and protection, we now commit ourselves, and all our relatives and friends, for this night. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Morning.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we bow our knees before thee, beseeching thee to look down upon us from the habitation of thy glory, and merci-

fully hear and accept the supplications with which we begin this day. Grant us, according to the riches of thy grace, to be strengthened with might by thy Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of thee, our God.

With the returning light of another day, grant us grace to meditate on the wonders of redeeming grace. Give us a grateful sense of thy unspeakable love, in sending thy blessed Son Jesus Christ into the world to die for us, while we were yet sinners, that he might reconcile us unto thee. May we behold in his meritorious death, that one oblation of himself, once offered, by which he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified, by finishing transgression, making an end of sin, making reconciliation for iniquity, and bringing in everlasting righteousness.

Help us to draw near to the cross of Jesus, that our eyes and our hearts may be turned away from the pomps and vanities of the world: And when we behold the Lord of glory bearing our sins in his own body on the tree, may the world be crucified unto us, and

we unto the world. When we behold the suffering Redeemer, tasting death for our sins, teach us to bear afflictions and trials with patience and resignation. In all our afflictions, may we turn to the example of him, who was oppressed and afflicted, yet opened not his mouth; who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed himself unto him who judgeth righteously. In all our troubles and adversities, enable us, in the true spirit of our suffering Lord, to say, not our will, O Father, but thine be done.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications and prayers for all our friends, relatives, and brethren, and for all conditions of men in thy holy Church: And grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Grant, heavenly Father, that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all the members of thy Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion. Grant that all the children of men may be brought near to thee, through the blood of the cross. As Christ hath died for all, grant unto all the abundance of thy grace, that they which live, may not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him who died for them, and rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for them before thy throne.

Look with pity, O God, upon those who are bowed down under a sense of their sins, and are weary and heavy-laden with the burden of their guilt. May they turn unto Jesus, who appeared on earth meek and lowly in heart, and learn of him. May they take upon

them his yoke, which is easy, and his burden, which is light, and thus find rest to their souls.

Extend thy compassion, heavenly Father, to us, and to all who call upon thee in the name of thy beloved Son. May we never be ashamed of Christ and his gospel, nor swerve from thy testimonies, through the manifold temptations by which we are surrounded. Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts. Shut not thy merciful ears to our prayers; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, and suffer us not, in the midst of our earthly trials, to fall from thee. In all our sufferings and afflictions, enable us to possess our souls in patience. When thy hand lieth heavy upon us, in judgment, or in chastisement, give us grace to look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed, and submit ourselves to thy righteous dealing.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Accept our prayers and supplications, O God, as well for others as for ourselves. Teach us to love one another, as Christ hath loved us; to bear each others' burden; and so to fulfil the law of Christ, who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Give us grace also to love our enemies, and from our heart to for-

give every one his trespasses against us, that we may hope to be forgiven of our heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Good Friday Morning.

O Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, hear us. Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins; neither reward us according to our iniquities. But look graciously upon us, and behold with pity the sorrows of our hearts. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers, and forgive the sins of thy people. Spare us, good Lord; spare thy people, for whom thy precious blood was poured out upon the cross. By the mystery of thy holy incarnation; by thy holy nativity and circumcision; by thy baptism, fasting, and temptation; by thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and

passion; and by thy precious death and burial; good Lord deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, at all times, and especially on this memorable day: And, O blessed Lord, when we see thee, betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, to suffer death upon the cross, for our redemption: When we see thee, mocked, and scourged, and spit upon, and crowned with thorns, and dragged away to crucifixion: When we behold thee, thus bearing our sins in thine own body on the tree: May we feel and realize the exceeding sinfulness of sin; and shun and abhor all those evil appetites and passions, which crucify thee afresh, and put thee and thy cause to open shame.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O merciful God, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor desirest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, have mercy upon a world lying in darkness and the shadow of death. May the fountain which, as on this day, was opened for sin and for uncleanness, send forth its healing streams into all lands. Look with pity, O God, upon the descendants of thine ancient people, Israel, whose forefathers shed the innocent blood of thy dear Son. Let it no longer rest upon them and upon their children; but take from them all

hardness of heart and unbelief. Give them eyes to see, and ears to hear, and hearts to understand. Pour down upon them the spirit of grace and supplication, that they may look upon him whom they have pierced, and weep for themselves and for their children, and be saved at last among the remnant of the true Israelites. Be merciful also to those who are living in unbelief, and denying the Lord that bought them; and to all those who, through ignorance or superstition, are bowing down to idols, or worshiping an unknown God. Take from them, O Lord, all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word; and at last bring them home to thy flock, that they may be gathered into one fold, under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Good Friday Evening.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayers. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy upon us. Though thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; though thou art the everlasting Son of the Father; yet, for our deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, thou didst humble thyself to come into the world as the lowly seed of a woman, and to offer thy body as a sacrifice on the cross; and when thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us; and let those that trust in thee never be confounded.

We praise thee, O God, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great goodness, as manifested unto us in the work of redemption. We bless thee for thy great mercy in again permitting us to commemorate the dying love of our Saviour, in the solemn offices of thy sanctuary. We bless thee for that ministry of reconciliation, by which repentance and remission of sins are proclaimed to lost and helpless sinners. We rejoice that we are encouraged, through the preaching of thy blessed gospel, to confess our sins, to renew our repentance, and to call upon thee, the Lord our God, for pardon and forgiveness. Grant us, with all thy other mercies, the constant aids of thy holy Spirit; and so apply the lessons which we have heard this day, to our hearts, that every hurtful pas-

sion may be subdued, and every sinful practice renounced; and that we may, ever hereafter, obey thy godly motions in righteousness and true holiness.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, we now commit ourselves to thy gracious care and protection for this night. Defend us, and all who are near and dear to us in the various relations of life, from every danger and mischief, and from all fear and anxiety. Grant us such rest and refreshment as may fit us for the several duties which thou mayest require of us. And keep us mindful, heavenly Father, as we pass on from day to day, that the time is short, and that we must soon follow our blessed Saviour through the grave and gate of death; that our frail bodies must soon be laid down in the dust, and that our immortal spirits must return to God who gave them. And grant us grace always to live in such a state of preparation that we may never be afraid to die. May our flesh rest in hope: so that at last, through the cross and passion of thy dear Son, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, and to the joys of thy heavenly kingdom.

We ask for all, in the name and through the merits of the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O Lord God, heavenly Father, early in the morning do we flee unto thee. Our souls do wait for thee. In thy word is our trust. Lord, what is man, that thou so regardest him? As high as the heaven is, in comparison of the earth, so great is thy mercy towards them that fear thee: As far also as the east is from the west, so far hast thou removed our sins from us. But, O God, we confess our unworthiness and acknowledge our frailty. We are but dust. Thou hast made our days as it were a span long, and our age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. At thy word all our days are gone: They come to an end, as it were a tale that is told. The grave must receive us: We must lie down in a place of darkness. But, O God, according to thy promise, thou wilt show wonders among the dead; and they shall rise up again and praise thee. Thy loving-kindness shall be shown in the grave; and thy faithfulness in destruction. Thy marvelous works shall be known in the dark; and thy righteousness in the land where all things are forgotten. Thou hast redeemed us; and thou canst restore us. Thou shalt

show us the path of life: In thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure forevermore.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy beloved Son Jesus Christ, and as he was raised from the dead, even so we also may be raised from the death of sin, and walk in newness of life. Being planted together in the likeness of his death, may we also be made in the likeness of his resurrection. May our old man be crucified with him, that the body of sin may be destroyed, and that henceforth we may not serve sin. If we be dead with Christ, give us faith to believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; that death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. May we also ourselves be dead unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. May sin have no more dominion over us: But being made free from sin and become servants to God, may we have our fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant us grace, heavenly Father, to live this day to thy glory. In willing obedience to thy commandments; in patient and humble resignation to thy will; in unreserved confidence in

thy justice, goodness, and wisdom; and under a grateful sense of all thy mercies; enable us to serve thee faithfully all the days of our life. We pray for our friends, relatives, and benefactors; and for all whom we are bound to remember in our prayers. May we all be found at last among the happy number whose names are written in the book of everlasting remembrance, and who shall be thine in that day when thou makest up thy jewels, and when thou wilt spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. May we so follow the example of our crucified and risen Saviour, as to be made partakers of his blessed resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Saturday Evening before Easter.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, to bring us unto God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit; and who hast passed into the heavens, and now sittest

at the right hand of the Father; we look up to thee as our Great High Priest, to intercede for us; that our prayers may ascend as an acceptable incense; that we may, in humble trust and confidence, approach the throne of thy glory; that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

And we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, for thy dear Son's sake, to hear us; and grant that we may henceforth walk in newness of life, that we may always bear about in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our mortal flesh. May we crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin. May we find all our corrupt affections, all our carnal lusts, all our unholy and inordinate desires, mortified, and destroyed, and buried in the grave of Jesus. Grant that we may be fitted and prepared, through the sanctifying influences of thy good Spirit, to welcome the dawn of the holy day when our blessed Saviour burst the bonds of the grave and triumphed over death. Grant that we may be ready, with all the faculties of our bodies and our souls, to unite with thy holy catholic Church throughout the world, in commemorating the glorious resurrection of our ascended Lord.

O, blessed and Eternal Spirit, by whom the whole body of the Church is governed and

sanctified, enter into the hearts of all who profess and call themselves Christians. Endue the stewards of the mysteries of thy gospel with grace, so to preach the word, and so to minister in holy things, that every soul may become a temple of the Holy Ghost, and be made a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And finally, O God, when our probation shall be brought to a close, and when we shall be called to pass through the grave and gate of death, may we depart in peace, and in a comfortable hope of a joyful resurrection, through his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

To thy mercy and protection, we now commit ourselves, with all our friends, relatives, and brethren. Bless us, and keep us, and be gracious unto us, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

EASTER TO TRINITY.

Easter Sunday—Morning.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, we bless thee for thy great goodness in permitting us again to behold the return of this sacred day. We praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, whom we acknowledge as the very Paschal Lamb foreshadowed in the scriptures, and offered on the cross, as a propitiation for the sins of the world ; who, by the shedding of his own precious blood, hast overcome death, and by rising from the grave, is made the first fruits of them that sleep, and hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life.

We confess that we are by nature dead in trespasses and sins, and can not, by our own

power, raise ourselves to newness of life: But, blessed be thy name, that thou hast, of thy abundant mercy, begotten us again to a lively hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for all those who are kept by thy power through faith unto salvation.

Give us grace, heavenly Father, so to bewail our sinfulness, and so to meditate on thy wondrous love, that we may find our hearts dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We beseech thee, gracious God, to grant us thy special blessing this day. May the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead, dwell in us, and direct us in all our duties. Raise our thoughts from the things of this world, and fix them upon those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at thy right hand.

Since Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast: not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. May we fervently join in the prayers and praises of thy people in the courts of thy sanctuary. And give us grace so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son, and to drink his blood, that our

sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.

Grant also to all those who shall assemble with us in thy house of prayer, that they may be plenteously endued with thy heavenly grace, and be prepared, with meek heart, and due reverence, to hear and receive thy holy word, and to be meet partakers of thy holy mysteries.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Pour down thy Spirit from on high on the ministers of thy blessed gospel: And, while they preach Jesus and the resurrection, let thy word, in their mouth, be as life from the dead; that so they, who are sleeping in their sins, may awake, and arise from the dead, that Christ may give them light.

And now, may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Amen.*

Easter Sunday—Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Most merciful God and Father, receive, we beseech thee, our hearty thanks for thy great goodness; and especially for the blessings and mercies bestowed upon us this day. We bless thee for the preaching of thy word, and for the administration of thy holy sacraments. We bless thee for thy gracious condescension, in having thy habitation among the sons of men, and in dwelling in the midst of the assemblies of thy people. Let thy blessing rest, we beseech thee, upon those whom thou hast called to minister in holy things. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy people rejoice in thy salvation. Grant that the words spoken in thy name, may not be spoken in vain. Grant us grace, so to hear and receive the godly counsel and instruction of those who are set over us in the Lord, that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom.

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the resurrection and the life; and for the gracious declaration, that whosoever liveth and believeth in him, shall never die. Grant us grace to humble ourselves before thee, knowing that

thou art able to exalt us in due time. May we follow the example of thy dearly beloved Son, in patience, meekness, and humility. And as he died and rose again for us, so may we, who are baptized into his death, die from sin, and rise again unto righteousness, continually mortifying all our evil and corrupt affections, and daily proceeding in all virtue and godliness of living.

We commend to thy rich mercies in Christ Jesus, all the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. May the Sun of Righteousness rise upon them, and the light of the everlasting gospel shine into their hearts, to give them the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Have mercy on the house of Israel, and teach them by thy Spirit to know, that thou hast made that same Jesus, whom their forefathers crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Awaken the impenitent to a sense of their danger, by putting them in remembrance, that thou hast appointed a day in which thou wilt judge the world in righteousness, by him whom thou hast ordained, whereof thou hast given assurance unto all men, in that thou hast raised him from the dead.

Comfort those who are in affliction for the loss of friends, departed this life in thy faith and fear. Teach them to sorrow not for those

who sleep in thee, even as others who have no hope ; believing, that if Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And now, O God, we commit ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, to thy holy care and keeping. Let us go to our rest in humble trust and confidence in thy unfailing mercy. And let us remember, as we close our eyes in sleep, that the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man, and shall come forth, they that have done good, to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. And may we be so prepared by thy grace, for this event, that when our mortal bodies shall be committed to the ground, they may rest in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection to eternal life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O Eternal God, thou art mighty in power, and incomprehensible in majesty : The heav-

en of heavens can not contain thee; much less the walls of temples made with hands: And yet thou hast been graciously pleased to promise thy special presence in every place where two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble together in thy name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee. Vouchsafe, O Lord, according to this promise, to be present with us, and with all others, who may meet this day, to worship and glorify thee in thy holy sanctuary. Regard, we beseech thee, the services of thy servants; and grant thy renewing grace to all those who may draw near to thee, to give thanks for the benefits which they have received at thy hands, to set forth thy most worthy praise, to hear thy most holy word, to confess their sins, and to ask such things as are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Endue them with such steadiness of faith, and with such holy affections, that their devotions may ascend up as acceptable incense to thy throne. And be pleased, O gracious God, to grant unto them whatsoever, in thine infinite wisdom, thou shalt deem most expedient for them.

Almighty God, who, by thy Holy Spirit, hast appointed divers ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold thy servants, who are called to the several ranks of this holy office; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine,

and adorn them with innocency of life, that both by word and deed, they may faithfully serve thee, to the glory of thy name, and the edification of thy people. We beseech thee especially, to send down thy blessing upon those who shall stand up this day in thy courts to serve thee; and so endue them with thy Holy Spirit, that they may faithfully preach thy word, earnestly reproving, beseeching, and rebuking, with all patience and perseverance; and may also, by their life and conversation, be a wholesome example to thy flock, in all Christian virtue, and finally fulfil their course with joy, and at the latter day receive a crown of righteousness.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Give us true repentance, and pardon all our past sins, negligences and infirmities. Make this a day of grace and consolation to our souls. Guide and direct our private meditations. Give us grace to examine our hearts; to consider our ways; to search thy holy word; to reflect on the wonders of thy love; and above all, to seek thy face in secret, and to prepare ourselves for thy kingdom. We ask for all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The grace, &c.

Sunday Evening.

O Lord our God, we are not worthy to present ourselves before thee. We are compassed with infirmity, and laden with iniquity. Give us grace, we beseech thee, to humble ourselves; to pray and seek thy face; and to turn from our wicked ways; that thou mayest, according to thy gracious promise, bow down thine ear and hear our supplications, and forgive us all our sins. Prepare our hearts especially for this our evening sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving; and mercifully grant our petitions, not for our own deservings, but for the worthiness of thy blessed Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Accept our hearty thanks, O God, for the gospel privileges which we have been permitted to enjoy this day; and for every mercy, both temporal and spiritual, which thou hast been graciously pleased to bestow upon us. Not unto us, but unto thy name, be all the blessing and praise. To thee be ascribed all the honor and glory of every good and acceptable word which we have spoken, of every righteous deed which we have performed, and of every holy thought which we have conceived.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We intercede with thee, heavenly Father, for all the children of men. Look with mercy upon thy holy Church universal, which thou hast purchased to thyself with the precious blood of thy dear Son. And to those whom thou hast called to minister in any holy office, give thy grace and heavenly benediction; that both by their life and doctrine, they may set forth thy glory, and promote the salvation of their fellow-men.

Have pity upon those who have disregarded or profaned this sacred day, by absenting themselves from thy house of prayer, or by closing their ears, or hardening their hearts, against the teachings of thy holy word. Give them repentance and a better mind. May they no longer grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by their negligence and unbelief. May they seek thee while thou mayest be found, and call upon thee while thou art near. May the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and return unto thee, that thou mayest have mercy upon him, and abundantly pardon him.

Be thou gracious and merciful, heavenly Father, to all those who, through sickness, or infirmity, or other providential necessity, have been deprived of the comforts of thy public worship, and who have communed with thee in their chamber and in their closet, and

sought thee in secret. Show them the light of thy countenance; and cause them to know experimentally, that he who seeth in secret, will reward them openly. Grant this, we beseech thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious care and protection, we now commit ourselves, and all our relatives, friends, and brethren, for this night. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be merciful unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hast given thine only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; fill our hearts, we beseech thee, with gratitude and love, and our lips with praises. Let us magnify thy name for all thy goodness, and remember the wonders that thou hast done to the children of men. Let us offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and speak of all thy works with gladness.

Cleanse our hearts, O God, from all evil and wickedness, that we may offer unto thee a pure and acceptable service. Give us that peace which thy blessed Son came into the world to proclaim. Pour into our hearts that spirit of adoption, which may bear witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and joint heirs with Christ, in the glories of his heavenly kingdom.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Enable us by thy grace to overcome all the temptations of the world, to renounce its pomps and vanities, to withstand its allurements, and to disregard its frowns. And grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit. Grant that the instructive lessons of the past day, may not pass away in forgetfulness, like the morning cloud or the early dew: But revive and strengthen our holy thoughts and desires, and subdue the passions and propensities of our evil hearts. Preserve us from pride and envy; from hatred and malice; from murmurings and disputings; from covetousness and dishonesty; from selfishness and idleness; from unchristian tempers and impure desires; and from all hurtful lusts that war against the soul. Pardon and correct whatever is sinful in us; strengthen what is weak; confirm what is

wavering; supply what is wanting; and make us thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

But without thee we can do nothing. Be with us, therefore, this day, and in all the future scenes of life. Assist us, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; make us steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord. And when the days of our pilgrimage shall come to an end, and when our mortal bodies shall put on immortality, may we realize the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory!

And for this, and every other mercy, may we ascribe all the glory and honor to God, who giveth us the victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Monday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Most merciful God and heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy protection and preserva-

tion through another day, and for the great mercies and benefits which thou hast bestowed upon us. We acknowledge thy over-ruling providence. By thy word were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of thy mouth. Thou hast also laid the foundations of the earth, and daily providest for the wants of all thy creatures. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness; and thou upholdest the whole world, and all that therein is, by thy mighty power. Thou coverest the heavens with clouds, and preparest rain for the earth. Thou makest the grass to grow upon the mountains, and givest food to the beasts of the field, and the young ravens that cry unto thee. Without thee, not even a sparrow falleth on the ground, and the very hairs of our head are all numbered.

We confess, merciful God, that we have forfeited, by our manifold transgressions, every claim to thy fatherly protection in the present life; and have rendered ourselves unworthy of the blessings of the life to come. But, guilty and unworthy as we are, we would still look up to thee in the name of that blessed Mediator, whom thou hast given to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; beseeching thee, through his all-prevailing merits, to permit us to come into thy

presence, and to ask for everything that is necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

Hearken, O Lord our God, unto our prayers. Enter not into judgment with thy servants. Have mercy upon us, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from all our sin. Pardon our want of love to thee, and our many offences against our fellow-men. Pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace, and of all virtues; without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Endue us with that spirit which thinketh no evil, which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Give us grace to come before thee with clean hands and a pure heart, that our prayers may ascend to thy throne as an acceptable offering, and be received and answered, for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And now, O Lord, before we lie down and take our rest, suffer us to commend, not only ourselves, but all others, to thy covenanted mercies in Christ Jesus. Shed thy blessings abundantly upon all our friends and relatives. Take us and them under thy fatherly pro-

tection; and bless and keep us, this night and forevermore, through Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

O Almighty God, whose mercies are renewed to us day by day, early will we come before thee; every morning will we give thanks to thee, and acknowledge thy goodness and loving kindness. But how shall we approach thy mercy-seat; or what shall we render unto thee for all the benefits which thou hast done unto us? To love and serve thee, with all the heart, and soul, and mind, and strength, is our reasonable service and bounden duty. But our best services, through the weakness of our mortal nature, are full of imperfection. When we have done all, we are unprofitable servants. We look for acceptance, only through the merits of that blessed Saviour, in whose all-prevailing name alone we are permitted to approach thee, even with the voice of praise and thanksgiving.

Let us meditate, with humble gratitude, on thy condescension and grace, in regarding our unworthy services, and in continuing to us thy daily mercies. Teach us to know and feel our exceeding sinfulness in thy sight, that we may be filled with a due sense of thy forbearance and compassion. We acknowledge that we have greatly sinned, and done amiss, and dealt wickedly. But, O Lord, we beseech thee, absolve us from our offences; that, through thy bountiful goodness, we may be delivered from the bondage of those sins which, by our frailty, we have committed. Grant that we may truly repent of them before thee, that so iniquity may not be our ruin.

Our eyes are now directed unto thee, from whom cometh all our help. Enable us to enter upon the various duties of this day, in humble trust and confidence in thy over-ruling protection and thy renewing grace. Deliver us from carelessness, negligence, and spiritual sloth. Make us active in the discharge of our respective duties. Help us to press forward in the way of life, and so to run, that we may obtain the prize of our high calling. Give us grace to abound in those good works, in which thou hast commanded us to walk; and by patient continuance in well-doing, to seek for glory, and honor, and immortality; that so, by thy mercy, we may, in the end, obtain eternal life.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We beseech thee, gracious God, to bless thy whole Church, and to order all things for its increase and prosperity. Sanctify and cleanse it from all impurity and error, that it may be holy and without blemish, and become a name and praise among all the nations of the earth.

Pour down thy blessing upon the religious, civil, and literary institutions of our country. Extend to them thy fostering aid, and make them instrumental in promoting thy glory, and the good of mankind. And grant that our lot may be cast among a people fearing thee, and loving righteousness; and that all who profess thy holy name, may truly and faithfully serve thee, in all the various duties and relations of life.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

Almighty and everlasting God, dispose our hearts, we beseech thee, to close this day with serious reflection and fervent prayer. Receive with favor the supplications of thy servants;

and look down upon us in thy wonted pity and compassion; not in thine anger, lest thou bring us to nothing.

We thank thee for the daily bounties and blessings which thou givest us to enjoy. Enable us to see thy hand, and to acknowledge thy providence, in all our concerns; and, with true devotion of heart, to trace up every stream of earthly comfort to the fountain of eternal love.

We bless thee especially, heavenly Father, for the word of revelation; for the light of the everlasting gospel, and for the redemption of the world by the death and passion of our Saviour Christ, both God and man; who did humble himself, even to the death of the cross, for us miserable sinners; who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, that he might make us the children of God, and exalt us unto everlasting life. May we always remember the exceeding great love of our Master and only Saviour, Jesus Christ, thus dying for us, and the innumerable benefits which, by his precious blood-shedding, he hath obtained for us. And may we give unto thee, as we are most bounden, continual thanks; submitting ourselves wholly to thy holy will and pleasure, and studying to serve thee, in true holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

To the care and protection of thy good providence, we commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, this night. Be thou our refuge, and fortress, and house of defence, in whom we may trust. May we abide safely under thy almighty shadow. May thy truth and faithfulness be our shield and buckler. May no evil befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Be thou our continual ruler and guide: and teach us so to pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

We humbly beseech thee, O God, for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. We pray especially for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. All

which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake; in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, who hast given unto us the light of thy blessed gospel to guide us, and the influences of thy holy Spirit to quicken us, that we may turn from the error of our ways, and walk in the paths of truth and righteousness; we beseech thee to grant, that we, and all others who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, may avoid those things that are contrary to our profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. Bless us in all our ways, and whatever we do, may we do it heartily as unto thee, with a single eye to thy glory, and in humble dependence on thy fatherly protection. Enlighten our understandings, control our wills, and sanctify our affections. May neither

the pleasures, nor the cares, nor the honors of this life, turn away our thoughts from the life which is to come. Enable us faithfully to discharge our several duties to thee, and to our fellow-men; that we may be useful in our generation among men, and steadfast in our covenant with thee. Having had much forgiven of thee, may we love thee much, and strive to please thee in all our ways. And grant that nothing may ever separate between us and thee, or cause us to grow weary of thy service. But may we keep thy covenant forever, and daily think upon thy commandments to do them, finding thy yoke easy, and thy burden light; yea, accounting thy service perfect freedom, and the very joy of our heart.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Accept our thanksgivings, heavenly Father, for every mercy which thou hast vouchsafed to our bodies and our souls. Day by day we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy name. And we beseech thee to embrace, not only ourselves, but all others in the arms of thy mercy. Pity and convert the wicked. May they no longer make a mock at sin; but learn to tremble at that wrath which thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. Give them grace to stand in awe of thy judgments, and to sin no more. Bless thy faithful people with knowledge and good un-

derstanding, in the ways of truth and virtue. And since many are the afflictions of the righteous, Lord, remember them in all their troubles. Grant that every affliction, though not for the present joyous, but grievous, may yield the peaceable fruits of righteousness to such as are exercised thereby.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and trials of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Wednesday Evening.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; we beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy Holy Spirit, that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life

hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to thy eternal joy. For all that is past, we ask thy pardon and forgiveness. We are unable, of ourselves, to make satisfaction for the least of our transgressions. But we flee unto thy cross, O Lamb of God, who hast made there, by the one oblation of thyself, once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world. And we beseech thee, by thine agony and bloody sweat; by thy cross and passion; by thy precious death and burial; by thy glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost; to deliver us from all our sins, and have mercy upon us.

Accept our thanks, heavenly Father, for the various and great blessings which we have already received at thy hands. We praise thee for the comforts and protection of the past day. We bless thee for providing for us a place of rest by night. Confiding in thy care, we commit ourselves to thy holy keeping. And we beseech thee, most mighty God, who art the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, to watch over us, and preserve us through the hours of darkness, and, if it please thee, to bring us in safety to the beginning of another day.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Extend to our fellow-creatures, O God, the mercies which we have implored for ourselves. Let repentance and remission of sins be preached to all nations; and grant that all the kingdoms of the earth may become the kingdoms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Bless the nation in which we live. Endue our civil rulers with the graces of thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly gifts; enable them to rule in thy fear; guide them in their counsels; and bring them at last to thy everlasting kingdom. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant to her Bishops and other clergy, and to all the people committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.

We commend to thy special care and guidance, all parents and heads of families. Give them grace to walk in thy ways; to set a bright example of Christian fidelity before their households; and to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We pray for our dear friends and relatives. Let thy fatherly hand be ever over them; let thy Holy Spirit be ever with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of thy word, that, in the end, they may obtain everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our

Lord, in whose perfect form of words we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Morning.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, grant us grace to come before thee at this time, under a deep sense of our unworthiness, and in humble reliance on thy goodness and compassion. Grant that our hearts may be drawn to thy testimonies; that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and follow all thy precepts with a willing and obedient mind. Let us set our affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. May we always desire that which thou dost promise; that so, our thoughts may be turned away from the vain and unstable enjoyments of this world; and that, amid all the changes and trials of life, our hearts may be fixed, where true joys alone can be found, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Enable us, O God, from day to day, to call to remembrance the solemn vows and promises of our baptism. May we look upon the

pomps and vanities of the world, as hurtful and dangerous snares to our feet. May we subdue and mortify all those sinful desires and passions which war against the soul. May we remain steadfast in the faith which we have professed before thee; and may we obediently keep thy holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of our life. And we humbly beseech thee to grant, that we, being dead unto sin, and living unto righteousness, and being buried with Christ in his death, may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin; and as we are made partakers of the death of thy Son, we may also be partakers of his resurrection; so that finally, with the residue of thy holy Church, we may be inheritors of thine everlasting kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for thy goodness and mercy, in preserving us through the perils and dangers of another night. As thou hast kept us from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, so may it please thee to save us from the arrow that flieth by day, and from the destruction that wasteth at noon. Continue to us, we beseech thee, all our public and private blessings; and especially the means of grace, and the hope of glory set before us in thy gospel.

Make us humble and grateful in the days of our prosperity, and patient and submissive in the time of adversity. In whatsoever state thou shalt see fit to place us, give us grace therewith to be content. Bestow upon us such things as thou knowest to be most needful and profitable for us. Give us grace to seek first thy kingdom and righteousness, and to trust to thy unfailing promise, that all other things shall be added unto us. And above all, feed us with the bread of life, which cometh down from heaven, and which thou givest for the life of the world. Lord, evermore give us this bread, and nourish us up with it, even unto life eternal.

We ask these blessings, not for ourselves only, but for all others who are near and dear to us, for the sake, and through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions :—

Our Father, &c.

Thursday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and eternal God, thou hast commanded us to worship thee, the Lord our God, and thee only to serve; and we acknowledge

that this is our reasonable service and our bounden duty. But we confess, with shame and sorrow, that we have not glorified thee as we ought, nor rendered unto thee the honor due unto thy name: And we humble ourselves before thee this night, beseeching thee to look down upon us in compassion, and to answer us, not according to our deservings, but according to thy great mercies in Christ Jesus.

Give us grace to believe in thee, to fear thee, to love thee, with all our heart, and mind, and soul, and strength; to worship thee, to give thanks to thee, to put our whole trust in thee, to call upon thee, to honor thy holy name and word, and to serve thee truly all the days of our life.

And while we approach thee with the voice of prayer and supplication, accept, we beseech thee, our hearty thanks for all thy goodness towards us. We acknowledge the numberless mercies bestowed upon us from day to day; and we pray thee to add to all thy other blessings, such a grateful sense of thy merciful kindness, as shall lead us to love thee more, and to serve thee better. Teach us to live in humble dependence on thy promises, in cheerful obedience to thy laws, and in a comfortable hope of a blessed immortality. Grant that, being received for thine own children by adoption, and being incorporated into thy holy

Church, we may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children; and finally, with the residue of thy people, may be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We implore thy mercy and grace, heavenly Father, in behalf of all classes and descriptions of men. Look with pity on the nations still lying in darkness and the shadow of death, who are bowing down to idols of wood or stone, which their own hands have made. Turn them from the error of their ways, and enlighten their minds with the beams of the everlasting gospel. Give to thy blessed Son, the heathen for his inheritance, and the utmost bounds of the creation for his possession.

To those who dwell in Christian lands, and yet deny the Lord that bought them; to those who are resting in dangerous heresy or schism, or willingly neglecting the great salvation wrought out for them through the sacrifice of the cross, extend thy forbearance and compassion. Quicken them to a sense of their danger, and teach them to flee from the wrath to come, while yet a day of grace remains, and thou waitest to be merciful unto them.

Have mercy on the afflicted, in mind, body, or estate. Go not from them, when trouble is at hand and there is none to help them. Be

thou their continual refuge, and in the multitude of the sorrows which they have in their hearts, let thy comforts refresh their souls.

To thy gracious care and protection we commend ourselves, and all our friends, relatives, and brethren, this night, beseeching thee to keep and preserve us, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Friday Morning.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, grant unto us, thy unworthy servants, the aid and guidance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may come and bow down before thee this morning, with humble reverence and godly fear; praising thee for all thy goodness, and imploring thee still to spare us, and be merciful unto us.

We bless thee for preserving us through the various and changing scenes of our past life; for permitting us again to behold the light of day, and for bringing us together in peace and safety, the living monuments of thy pardoning mercy and providential care. But, above all,

we bless thee for thy still more marvelous love, in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and everlasting death. With thine own arm thou hast wrought out salvation for us, O God, our Redeemer. Our souls bless thee, and all that is within us doth bless thy holy name. Thy praise shall be ever in our mouths. We will magnify thee with the voice of thanksgiving, and exalt thy name together.

But thou requirest us to glorify thee, not only with our lips, but in the obedience of a holy life. Give us grace thus to render unto thee the homage which is most justly due. Preserve us from unchristian tempers and pursuits, and restrain every unholy desire and appetite, that we may go forth this day to the discharge of our several duties, with thy love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. May we walk in thy fear. May we honor thee, by uprightness and fidelity in all our ways, and evermore serve thee in pureness of living and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We intercede with thee, heavenly Father, in behalf of those for whom it is our desire and our duty to pray. Look with pity and compassion upon a world lying in wickedness, and especially upon this nation. Give to our civil rulers a due sense of their responsibility

to thee. Make them faithful to the trust committed to them by thy providence, and enable them so to live, that, finally, they may attain everlasting joy and felicity. And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; that they may forsake their sins, and subdue their passions, and restrain the violence of party strife and animosity; and so dwell together in this life, that in the world to come they may have life everlasting.

Keep thy household, the Church, in continual godliness; that through thy gracious protection, it may be free from trouble and adversity, and that all its members may be devoutly given to serve thee in good works, and to look for glory and immortality, through the merits and intercession of thy dear Son Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Friday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, whose ears are ever open to the petitions of thy humble servants, and who hast graciously promised, that whatsoever we ask of thee in prayer, believing, we shall re-

ceive, mercifully with thy favor look upon us at this time, and enable us to draw near to thee in humble reverence and godly fear. We lament the coldness of our hearts; we confess and bewail our daily iniquities. But we beseech thee, gracious God, unworthy as we are to approach thee, and bowed down as we are with infirmity, to accept our imperfect services through the intercession of thy dear Son. Grant that our supplications and thanksgivings may be sprinkled with his most precious blood, which cleanseth from all sin; and so may come up as a memorial before thee, acceptable, and well pleasing in thy sight. And pour down upon us a more abundant measure of grace and supplication, that we may hereafter approach thee in fervent prayer, and worship thee in spirit and in truth.

Hear our prayers, O God, for those whom it is our duty and our desire to remember at the throne of grace; and especiallly for all estates of men in thy holy Church. Endue with a spirit of wisdom and faithfulness, those who are appointed to watch over the fold of Christ. Let none of them be as hirelings who care not for the sheep. But raise up pastors according to thy heart, who shall seek that which is lost, and bring again that which is driven away, and bind up that which is broken, and strengthen that which is weak. May

they take heed to themselves, and to all the flock of which the Holy Ghost hath made them overseers, to feed thy Church, which thy blessed Son hast purchased with his blood; that when he, the Chief Shepherd, shall appear, they may receive, at his hands, a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

And O, thou blessed Jesus, who didst come to seek and to save that which was lost, look with an eye of pity upon those who are still as sheep going astray, and especially on the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Bring them home, merciful Lord, to thy flock, that they may be saved with the remnant of the true Israelites: And grant that they and we, as one fold, under one Shepherd, may learn of thee, who art meek and lowly in heart, and thus find rest to our souls. Feed us in green pastures; and lead us forth beside the waters of comfort. Conduct us to the end of our life, in the paths of righteousness. And when we pass through the valley of the shadow of death, be thou with us, that thy rod and staff may sustain and support us, and bring us at last to thy heavenly fold.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant these and all our petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with thee, O Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Saturday Morning.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, by whose providence the darkness of night is turned to the light of day, look down upon us, thy humble servants, who are assembled together to praise thee for thy goodness, and to implore the continuance of thy fatherly protection. Thy daily mercies are daily calls to gratitude and obedience. But we acknowledge, gracious God, our unworthiness of thy favors, and the coldness of our hearts in the midst of thy blessings. Accept our hearty thanks for thy patience and forbearance, in bringing us, notwithstanding our sins and ingratitude, to the beginning of another day.

We come before thee in the name of Jesus, the friend of sinners, and our advocate with thee. For his sake, hear and answer all our petitions. For his sake, bestow upon us, not only the bounties of thy providence, but the richer blessings of thy grace. Preserve our frail bodies from day to day; and, above all, have compassion on our guilty souls. Grant unto us pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and ever hereafter serve thee, in meekness of spirit, and quietness of mind. Keep us especially this day by thy

mighty power : And grant that our love to thee may abound more and more, that we may approve and obey thy holy precepts, that we may be sincere and without offence, till the day of Christ ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by him, to the praise of thee our God.

Hear our intercessions, most gracious Father, for the whole race of man. Overrule all the changes in empires and kingdoms to the advancement of true religion, and for the promotion of thy glory. Extend the kingdom of thy dear Son, to the utmost bounds of the earth. Inspire thy Church with zeal and constancy, and endue thy ministers with wisdom and strength, for the propagation of thy holy word, that the tidings of salvation may be proclaimed among the heathen, and that the whole world may be turned unto thee, and all kindreds and people may worship before thee. Renew thy everlasting covenant with thy ancient people Israel, that they may come to the knowledge of the truth, and bow the knee to him whom their fathers crucified.

Look with an eye of pity upon this nation. We are a sinful people, laden with iniquity ; and deserve nothing at thy hands but chastisements and judgments. But, deal not with us, O God, according to our wickedness. Withhold thy hand, and spare us, for thy dear Son's

sake. Send forth throughout our land, a spirit of repentance, that we may turn from our evil ways, and amend our doings. Increase among us that righteousness which exalteth a nation, and save us from those sins which are a reproach to any people.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We pray for all thy faithful servants, and especially for those among our relatives and friends. May their names be written in the book of life, and found therein in the last day. Hear us, O God, for Jesus Christ's sake, in whose form of words we sum up these our petitions :—

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

Almighty God, the Father of mercies, and the giver and preserver of all good things, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great mercy, to receive and accept our thank-offerings. Grant that from the abundance of grateful hearts, we may speak thy praise ; and that, at the close of every week, we may be found growing in all the graces and fruits of the Spirit.

O thou who hast given thy Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification,

grant us grace so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve thee in pureness of living and truth ; that at his second coming to judge the world in righteousness, we may be found an acceptable people in thy sight.

Grant unto us forgiveness of all that is past, through him who, by thy grace, tasted death for every man. For his sake, cleanse us from all our defilements, and pardon our manifold sins and transgressions ; that, being justified by his blood, we may be saved from condemnation, through his all-prevailing intercession.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

To thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus we now commit all the members of our household, with our dear friends and relatives, whether present or absent. Keep and defend us through the darkness of the night ; and bring us in health and peace to the light of another day of rest. And, O God, prepare our hearts by thy good Spirit, for the joys and comforts of thy holy worship, for the profitable use of thy written word, and for the due improvement of all the means of grace, which thou, in thy mercy, hast afforded us.

We ask thy blessing on all the ministers of thy word and ordinances. Prepare them for the solemn services of thy sanctuary, and for all the duties of their high calling ; that they

may preach thy truth in love, and minister in holy things, with all faithfulness and diligence.

And to every member of thy holy universal Church, extend thy blessing; and grant that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

Bless the means which are employed for the extension of thy kingdom throughout the world. And let the time draw near, when the whole earth shall be filled with thy glory, and when every thing that hath breath shall praise the Lord.

We ask for all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose form of words we conclude our petitions :—

Our Father, &c.

Ascension Day—Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son, Jesus Christ, with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven, permit us, we beseech thee, to draw near to thee in his all prevailing name, knowing that he ever liveth to make intercession for us miserable

sinners. May this great High Priest, who has passed into the heavens, ever be our advocate with thee. Accept, we implore thee, his mediation in our behalf; and when thou hearest, have mercy upon us. May our sins, though many, be forgiven us, through the riches of thy grace. Excite in us that godly sorrow for sin, which worketh repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. Give us that living faith which worketh by love, purifying the heart, overcoming the world, and bringing forth the abundant fruits of righteousness.

And, O thou, who hast ascended up on high, and hast led captivity captive, and hast received gifts for men, and hast given us apostles, and prophets, and evangelists, and pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of thy saints, and for the edification of thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, to all the ministers and stewards of thy word, the abundance of thy grace, that they may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy gospel, and to preach the glad-tidings of salvation; until all men shall come, in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto the perfect stature of the fulness of Christ.

We bless thee, heavenly Father, for all thy various and great mercies; for the wonderful work of redemption; and for the hope set before us in the gospel. We bless thee for the

privilege of meeting together for prayer and praise, on this memorable morning. Give us grace to celebrate, with grateful hearts, the exaltation of thy blessed Son to his eternal throne. May our thoughts also thither ascend, drawing up our affections and desires to heavenly things, and fitting and preparing us for the final enjoyment of thy presence in the mansions of glory.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We intercede with thee, gracious God, for all who are near and dear to us. Look with pity upon those who have hitherto placed their hopes and affections on the objects of this world, and have neglected the things which belong to their eternal peace. Quicken them from the death of sin, unto a new and holy life. Make them wise unto salvation; and enable them hereafter to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. And to those who have known the power of thy word, and have turned their hearts from serving the vain idols of this world, to serve thee, the living God, give the abundance of thy grace. Keep them through thine own name from the evils and temptations of this present life Sanctify them through thy truth: And grant that, with them and all others who shall believe in thy Son Jesus Christ, we may have our perfect

consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Ascension Day—Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty, everliving God, whose most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ, before his ascension into heaven, didst give commandment to his disciples, to go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; regard, we beseech thee, the supplications with which we close the duties of this day; and grant that all persons who are admitted into thy holy Church by baptism, may receive the fulness of thy grace, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children. Being received into the congregation of Christ's flock, and signed with the sign of the cross, may they never be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, but manfully fight under his banner, against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue Christ's

faithful soldiers and servants, unto their life's end.

Accept our thanks, heavenly Father, for the marvelous works which thou hast wrought for the sinful children of men. We bless thee for sending thine only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in him may not perish, but have everlasting life. We praise thee for raising him from the grave, and setting him at thine own right hand in heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but in that which is to come. We rejoice, that thou hast put all things under his feet; that thou hast given him to be head over all things to the Church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all; and that thou hast given us assurance, that he has ascended to his Father and our Father, to his God and our God, to prepare a place for those that love him. Grant that we may all be found at last among this happy number. We pray thee, O God, who art rich in mercy, to quicken us who are dead in trespasses and sins, and raise us up together, and make us to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Send down thy Holy Ghost to comfort us: And finally, exalt us to the same place whither our Saviour has gone before, that we may be with him where he is, and may behold

his glory, which he had with thee before the foundation of the world.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Keep us, O God, in continual watchfulness. Let us remember, that the end of all things is at hand; that the time draws near, when the same Jesus who ascended into heaven, will come again in glory, to judge the world in righteousness, and to minister equity and justice to all people. Make us sober, and faithful, and diligent, in all the duties of our Christian calling. Above all, give us that fervent charity, which shall cover the multitude of sins. Let us use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so let us minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; that God may in all things be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Whit-Sunday--Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O God, merciful Father, we praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee, for all the bounties of

thy providence and grace; and especially for thy great goodness, in sending down, as at this time, the Holy Ghost, the blessed Comforter, to abide with thy Church forever, and to direct, sanctify, and govern the hearts of thy people.

We wait this morning at thy footstool for new supplies of thy grace, to help our infirmities, to purify our thoughts and to endue us with a spirit of prayer and supplication. Grant, we beseech thee, that thy Holy Spirit may now rest upon us, as a Spirit of wisdom and understanding; a Spirit of counsel and strength; a Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; a Spirit of holy fear and reverence; a Spirit of truth, and love, and unity; a Spirit of everlasting consolation: And especially, O God, prepare us for the due observance of this day. Guide us into all truth. Open our hearts to understand and receive thy holy word, and enable us to unite, with one heart and one voice, in the solemn services of thy temple, and to pour out before thee the incense of prayer and praise, in the congregation of thy people.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O blessed Jesus, who, after thou hadst ascended up on high, didst shed upon thy holy apostles many excellent gifts, and who hast graciously promised to be with the ministers of

thy Church to the end of the world; we commend to thy heavenly grace, all those whom thou hast appointed and commanded to feed thy flock. Be thou ever present with the successors of thy first apostles, the bishops of thy Church, and all other pastors who may be duly called to the work of the gospel ministry. Make them diligent in preaching thy word, and in dispensing thy holy sacraments; that they may teach the truth in love, and administer the wholesome discipline of the Church, in thy fear, and to thy glory.

And to all thy people, extend the riches of thy grace. Pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh. Send out thy light and thy truth to the nations who have never heard thy name. Look with pity on thy ancient people Israel. Give them a new heart, and revive a right spirit within them, that they may hereafter confess thy name, and keep thy statutes, and follow and obey thy ordinances. And shed abroad thy spiritual blessings on all the Churches of thy saints throughout the world. May they be edified by thy truth; and walking in thy fear, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, may they enjoy on earth, an earnest and foretaste of the joys and consolations of thy Church triumphant in heaven.

In thy all-prevailing name, O blessed Saviour, we offer these our prayers and supplica-

tions; ascribing to thee, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, equal adoration and praise, now and evermore. *Amen.*

Whit-Sunday—Evening.

Our Father, &c.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have access by one Spirit unto thee, hear, we beseech thee, the voice of praise and thanksgiving with which we close this day. We bless thee for all the benefits bestowed upon us, and especially for the spiritual blessings sealed to us by the coming of the Holy Ghost. We bless thee for thy holy word, for thy ministry and ordinances, and for all the means of grace which we have been permitted to enjoy this day.

[Thanksgiving for Communion-Day.]

We praise thee, O God, for opening unto us a fountain for sin and for uncleanness, and for purifying the humble and contrite soul, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost. Make us all partakers of this heavenly gift. Grant that all sinful affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us.

Give us grace to put off, concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt, according to the deceitful lusts; and to put on the new man, which, after thy image, is created in righteousness and true holiness. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by thy holy inspiration, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name. By thy special grace preventing us, put into our minds good desires, and by thy continual help, enable us to bring the same to good effect, that we, who can not do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will. Grant, we beseech thee, that as thou didst teach the hearts of thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of thy Holy Spirit, so we, by the same Spirit, may have a right judgment in all things, and may evermore rejoice in his holy comfort.

O Lord God, inasmuch as the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal, let none receive his grace in vain. Have compassion on those who deny his eternal power and godhead, and show unto them who are thus in error, the light of thy truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Be merciful unto such as profess to believe in him, and yet in works deny him, and are doing despite unto his grace. Let them no longer grieve that Holy Spirit by

which they are sealed unto the day of redemption, but give them strength ever hereafter to obey his godly motions in righteousness and true holiness.

Be gracious unto those whom the Holy Ghost hath made overseers to feed the Church, and may they be faithful dispensers of thy holy word and sacraments, through the grace of our dear Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

O God, Holy Ghost, sanctifier of the faithful, visit us, we pray thee, as a family and household, with thy love and favor. Enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy, keep us steadfast in the faith, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. *Amen.*

TRINITY TO ADVENT.

Trinity Sunday—Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O God, the Father Almighty, we adore thee as the maker of heaven and earth. Thou, Lord, in the beginning, hast laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish, but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old, as doth a garment, and as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail. And, O God, as thou didst rest on the seventh day, after the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them; and as thou didst bless and sanctify the seventh day, that it might be kept holy unto thee; grant us grace, we beseech thee, to rest this day, and to worship and serve thee, according to thy com-

mandment. While we acknowledge thee as our Creator, preserver, and benefactor, let us come into thy presence with thanksgiving, and into thy courts with praise. May we be thankful unto thee, and speak good of thy name.

O God the Son, thou Eternal Word, who wast in the beginning with the Father; by whom all things were created; Thou, who wast made flesh and dwelt among us, whose glory we beheld, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth; we adore thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory, and honor, and power; for thou art our Almighty Redeemer, deliverer, and ransom. May we seek pardon and forgiveness for all our sins through thy all-prevailing mediation and intercession; and may we look to thee, and thy merits, for help, and hope, and salvation.

O God the Holy Ghost, thou Eternal Spirit, whom with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as One God; we adore thee as our Comforter, who came down from heaven to help our infirmities, and to guide us into all truth; as the Spirit of grace and supplication, by whom we are taught how and for what to pray; as the Spirit of holiness, and the sanctifier of the faithful; as the

quickening and regenerating power of God, by whom we are renewed in heart and life, and prepared for the kingdom of heaven. Visit us, we pray thee, with thy love and favor; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting gospel; graft in our hearts the love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same all the days of our life.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon us, and keep us steadfast in the faith once delivered to the saints. Bless and defend thy Church; and preserve it from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; that it may continue to the end of time, the ground and pillar of the truth, and evermore be protected from all adversity, persecution, and oppression. Make us, and all others who profess and call themselves Christians, faithful in every duty, and diligent in every good work; and enable us by holiness and purity of life, to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And now, to thee, O Father, and to thee, O Son, and to thee, O Holy Ghost, the ever blessed and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, be rendered and ascribed equal and endless praise, now, henceforth, and forever. *Amen.*

Trinity Sunday—Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, we bless thee for the manifold and great mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us this day. We thank thee that thou hast given unto us, thy servants, grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty, to worship the Unity. We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. With all the earth, we worship thee. With the glorious company of the apostles; with the goodly fellowship of the prophets; with the noble army of martyrs, we praise thee. With the Holy Church, throughout all the world, we acknowledge thee, the Father, of an infinite majesty; thine adorable, true, and only Son; and the Holy Ghost the Comforter.

May we be of the number of those who, through faith, are born of God; and by faith may we overcome the world. May we so confess the three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, that the three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, may bear wit-

ness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Grant, O Lord, that the doctrines and precepts which we have heard this day, may prove profitable to our souls. May we reflect, with deep humility and abasement, on the majesty, the wisdom, and the justice of thee our God. May we seek thy compassion and forgiveness, through the all-prevailing intercession of thy dear Son. May thy Holy Spirit help our infirmities, and purify our hearts, and sanctify our affections. So may we become living temples of God, that the Spirit of God may dwell in us forever.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

And now, O God, let us retire to rest with the consoling hope, that we have walked this day as the children of light, and that our imperfect services have been, in some measure, acceptable unto thee. Take us under thy care and protection. Keep us through the silent watches of the night. Guard us from every danger. Preserve us from all evil. Give us quiet and refreshing sleep, and, if it please thee, bring us, in health and peace, to the beginning of another day, fitted and prepared for all the various duties of life. Grant us grace to be faithful to every trust committed to us, diligent in our several callings, and submissive to all thy righteous dealings. May we do just-

ly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with thee our God.

Have pity, O merciful Father, upon those who lie down this night in sorrow, pain, or sickness. Be thou present with them in all their troubles; show them the light of thy countenance; sustain them with thy heavenly consolations; and in thine own good time deliver them from every danger, and make them partakers of all thy mercies in Christ Jesus.

We commend to thy mercy and grace, all our relations and friends. And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with them, and with us all, this night and forevermore. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, we bless thee for this and every other manifestation of thy goodness and loving kindness. Day by day we magnify thee, and worship thy holy name.

Unto thee, O God, all hearts are open. Unto thee all desires are known : And from thee no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and devoutly offer unto thee our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. Direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments. Give us grace diligently to search the scriptures, and make thy word a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our paths. Guide us in our private meditations, and give us understanding, that we may know thy testimonies, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life.

O Merciful God, show unto us this day the light of thy countenance, in the public services of thy sanctuary. Permit us to assemble together in thy holy temple, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at thy hands ; to set forth thy most worthy praise ; to hear thy most holy word ; and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Grant us grace to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins

and wickedness; that we may not dissemble nor cloak them before thy face; but confess them, with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by thine infinite goodness and mercy.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and who by the Holy Spirit, hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church, send down the abundance of thy grace upon those who are called to dispense thy word and ordinances; and so replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn them with purity of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serve thee in their several stations, to the glory of thy name, and the edification of thy Church. And bestow thy blessing, O God, on all the congregations of thy people, that they may be so joined together in unity of spirit, and in the bond of peace, that they may be an holy temple, acceptable unto thee. We especially commend to thy grace, the congregation with whom we may worship this day. Grant that, with one heart, they may desire the prosperity of thy holy Apostolic Church, and with one mouth may profess the faith once delivered to the saints. Defend them from the sins of heresy and schism; let not the foot of pride

come nigh to hurt them, nor the hand of the ungodly to cast them down. May the course of this world be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that the Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; and may all who are called Christians, walk in the ways of truth and peace, and at last be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting, through thy merits, O blessed Jesus, thou gracious Bishop and Shepherd of our souls, who art, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Sunday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, desire to humble ourselves before thee. We acknowledge thy great goodness. We thank thee for the various and multiplied blessings, which thou hast bestowed upon us this day. We adore thee as our Creator, our preserver, and our benefactor. Above all, we bless thee for the gift of thy Son Jesus Christ, and the redemption of the world, by his meritorious sacrifice and atonement. We bless thee for thine inestima-

ble love, in opening a way of access to thy throne, through his all-prevailing mediation and intercession; for thy instituted means of grace; and for the blessed hope of life and immortality, brought to light in thy gospel. Give us, O God, a deep and affecting sense of all thy mercies; that out of the abundance of our hearts, our lips may speak thy praise. May we be enabled, through thy grace, to give ourselves up to thy service, and walk before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Grant, O Lord, that the words which we have read or heard this day, may sink into our hearts, purifying our minds, enlightening our understanding, and sanctifying our affections. May they bring forth in us the fruit of good and holy living, and fit and prepare us for the enjoyment of thy heavenly kingdom. And, as thou hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's name, we beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, who have drawn near to thee in prayer and supplication; and grant that those things which have been faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and the setting forth of thy glory.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We ask thy blessing, heavenly Father, in behalf of those who have this day been de-

prived, through thy providence, of the privileges of thy public worship, and the ordinances of thy Church. O thou, who seest in secret, and hast graciously promised openly to reward those who pray to thee in secret, grant that through the refreshing visitations of thy Spirit, every devout soul may be comforted and satisfied; and that in every place, the incense offered to thy name may ascend to thy throne as a pure offering, and be always acceptable in thy sight.

We intercede with thee, merciful God, for those who have willingly abstained from the services of thy house, and neglected the duties of this holy day; and for those who have profaned thy Sabbath, by forbidden indulgencies, or vain recreations, or worldly occupations. Father, forgive them all that is past; and take from them their evil heart of unbelief, lest they be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin, and forfeit forever the eternal rest that remaineth to the people of God.

And now, O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves, and all our relatives, friends, and brethren, to thy holy care and keeping, this night and forevermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Monday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being ; we acknowledge our daily dependence upon thee. We thank thee for all thy mercies ; and especially for thy providential care and preservation, from the beginning of our lives to this day. We thank thee for thy goodness, in watching over us during the darkness of the night ; in protecting us from evil ; and in permitting us again to behold the morning light. Accept, heavenly Father, this our grateful sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving ; and enable us to approach thy throne with humble reverence and godly fear ; feeling our necessities ; confessing our sins and unworthiness ; and seeking pardon and forgiveness, through the merits of thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Give us grace, merciful God, to dedicate both our souls and bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life ; and in pity and compassion to the weakness and corruption of our nature, we beseech thee to help our infirmities, and strengthen our resolutions. Thou knowest whereof we are made ;

thou rememberest that we are but dust. As a father pitieth his own children, even so be thou merciful unto us. Grant us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and excited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy justice, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. Keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great day, in which every thought, and word, and deed, will be judged in righteousness; when those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Prepare us, O God, for this final account. Purify our hearts, and direct us in all our ways. As we approach nearer and nearer to the eternal world, make us more diligent, and watchful, and circumspect. Keep us this day from all evil; and defend us from danger and adversity. Guard us in the hour of temptation, restrain our passions, regulate our desires, and preserve us especially from the sins which most easily beset us. Grant us patience and resignation, if thou shalt see fit to visit us with affliction or calamity; and in whatsoever state or condition it may please thee to place us, grant us grace therewith to be content. Make us just and upright in all our dealings; kind and

compassionate to our neighbors; quiet and peaceable in all the relations of life; faithful to every trust committed to us; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Heavenly Father, receive with favor this our morning oblation, and grant our petitions, not for our own deservings, but for the sake, and through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Monday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and in whose sight the heavens are not clean, we come before thee in an humble sense of our unworthiness, beseeching thee to look down upon us in thy wonted pity and compassion. Thou hast graciously promised forgiveness to those who confess and forsake their sins. Thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin, and be saved. Make us duly sensible of the great evil of our manifold transgressions; that with

true penitence and contrition, we may seek pardon and remission at thy hands.

But, O God, thou seest that we are frail and helpless in ourselves, and encompassed by trials and temptations. Grant us therefore the constant direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that no sinful thoughts, or unlawful designs, or inordinate desires may rest within us. Cleanse our hearts from envy, hatred and malice, and every evil passion, that we may always go to our rest at peace with thee, and in charity and good will towards our fellowmen.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Extend the light of thy everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth, that all men may know thee, from the greatest to the least; that from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, thy name may be great among the Gentiles; and that in every place incense may be offered unto thee. Be gracious unto thy Church, and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless our civil rulers and magistrates. Give them grace to rule in thy fear, that they may honor thee by their fidelity, and promote the welfare and prosperity of our country. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and brethren. May those

who have been merciful to us, receive mercy at thy hands. Pardon those who have injured us, and give them repentance and a better mind. Have compassion on those who are in trouble, need, or affliction; and administer consolation to them, according to their several necessities.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We thank thee, O God, for all thy past mercies; for the daily blessings and bounties of thy hand; for thy watchful providence and preservation; and for every comfort and convenience which we have been permitted to enjoy. Above all, we adore thee for thy great mercy, in sending thy only Son into the world to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee.

And now, heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to thy gracious protection for this night. Defend us from danger and mischief, and from fear and anxiety, that we may enjoy refreshing sleep and repose, and be fitted for the duties of another day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we must sleep the sleep of death, and return to the dust; and grant us grace always so to live, that when thou shalt call us hence, we may die the death of the righteous, and our last end be like his.

We ask for all, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Tuesday Morning.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, give ear unto our prayers, and consider our meditations. Hearken to the voice of our calling, for unto thee do we offer up our humble petitions. Early in the morning do we appear before thee; even now do we look to thee for thy blessing. Without thee, nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Thou art our defender and keeper; we place our trust and confidence in thy unfailing goodness. In compassion to the weakness of our mortal nature, grant us, O God, the help of thy grace; and increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that we may be delivered from the bondage of corruption, and admitted into the glorious liberty of thy children. Be thou our ruler and guide in all our ways; that we may go out and come in this day in peace and safety; and that we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal.

O God, enable us to show forth our gratitude to thee, by our love to all for whom Christ has died. May we be merciful to our fellow-men, as we look for mercy at thy hands. Let us not judge one another, lest we be judged of thee. Let us not condemn, lest we fall under thy just condemnation. May we forgive others, as we hope to be forgiven of thee. And grant, we beseech thee, that the whole course of our lives may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that we may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; that so we may delight in thy service, and exercise ourselves day and night in thy commandments.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we offer up our supplications for the whole human race. Be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, and cause the blessed light of thy gospel to shine upon all people, that all the nations that thou hast made, may come and worship before thee, and glorify thy name. More especially, O Lord, we beseech thee to keep thy Church and household in thy true religion, that it may ever be governed by thy good Spirit; and that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be kept steadfastly in thy truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, O heavenly

Father, we commend to thy unfailing compassion, all the sons and daughters of affliction: Whatsoever be their trouble, be thou merciful unto them, and bless them, and show them the light of thy countenance. Comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, and give them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. All which we ask for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Tuesday Evening.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, let our prayer now come before thee as an incense, and let the lifting up of our hands be an acceptable evening sacrifice. We acknowledge our unworthiness; we confess our sins; and all our unrighteousness is open before thee. Thou hast searched us out, and marked all our ways. There is not a word in our tongue, but thou knowest it; and thou understandest all our secret thoughts. We can not flee from thy Spirit; we can not escape from thy presence. If we climb up into heaven, or sink down into hell, we see thy glory, or we feel thy power.

If we take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, there shall we see thy over-ruling hand. If we say, Peradventure the darkness shall cover us, then shall our night be turned to day: The darkness is no darkness with thee; but the night is as clear as the day: The darkness and light to thee are both alike. O Lord, enter not into judgment with us, thy servants; for in thy sight shall no man be justified. But we cast ourselves upon thy mercies in Christ Jesus. For his sake, hear the voice of our humble petitions, when we cry unto thee. O hide not thy face, nor cast away thy servants in displeasure.

We bless thee, O God, for all the mercies hitherto bestowed upon us; for thy preservation and protection during the past day; and for all the various comforts of thy providence and grace. The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thy hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Thou hast made us glad through thy works; and we will praise thee for the operations of thy hands. More especially, heavenly Father, we bless thee for thy unspeakable love, in sending thine only begotten Son into the world, to be the propitiation for our sins. May this manifestation of thy great goodness,

fill us with gratitude and love to thee. Endue us by thy grace, with that perfect love which casteth out all anxiety and fear; that as dutiful and obedient children we may commit all our concerns, in holy trust and confidence, to thee. May we lie down under thy guardian care, and take our rest in peace; and may we rise in the morning, with renewed strength and ability to perform our various duties. But, O God, we beseech thee, make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life. Let us remember, that thou hast made our days as it were a span long, and that our age is nothing in comparison of thee. Let us remember, that in such an hour as we think not, our years may come to an end, as it were a tale that is told; and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom, that whensoever our Lord shall come we may be prepared to meet him.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may, by thy mighty aid, be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose all-prevailing words we sum up these our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we humble ourselves before thee, as helpless and unworthy sinners. We have erred and strayed from thy ways, like lost sheep. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: But, O God, if we confess our sins unto thee, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done: And there is no health in us. O Lord, be thou merciful unto us, miserable offenders. Spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever. Make us truly penitent for all our sins, and turn our hearts unto thy testimonies. We cast all our care upon thee; for thou carest for us. Whom have we in heaven but thee; and whom on earth can we desire in comparison of thee. When our flesh and our heart fail, thou art the strength of our heart, and our portion forever. Make us sober and vigilant; because our adversary,

the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Give us grace to resist every temptation, and to shun every evil way; and ever keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may hereafter live a righteous and godly life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Let us go forth to our several duties this day, under the care and protection of thy good providence, and the guidance of thy Holy Spirit. Show us thy ways, O Lord, and incline our hearts to thy commandments. May we love thee, the Lord our God, supremely, and our neighbor as ourselves. Endue us with a spirit of compassion and benevolence, and guard us against the sin of covetousness, which is idolatry. As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. Let us not lay up for ourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But let us lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. Preserve us, we beseech thee, in health and peace, and defend us from every danger; from the arrow that flieth by day; from the pestilence that walketh in darkness; and from the sickness that wasteth at noon-day. Be thou a present God to all who are near and dear to us; and

especially to those who are in trouble, sorrow, or affliction. Hearken to their prayer, when they cry unto thee; fulfil all their desires; and help and deliver them, for Jesus Christ's sake.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of us thy servants, as may be most expedient for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. We ask for all in the name, and for the sake, of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose perfect form of words we conclude our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Evening.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, by whose almighty power we have been preserved this day, we again commit ourselves to thy holy care and keeping this night. By thy great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers.

Spread over us the shadow of thy wings, that we may lie down in peace, and fear no evil. Give rest to our wearied bodies, and tranquility to cur spirits, that our sleep may be sweet, and our slumbers refreshing. And, O God, make all thy goodness pass before us, that we may remember thee on our bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches. Let us commune with our own hearts, and make us faithful in our self-examination ; remembering always, that if our heart condemn us, thou, O God, art greater than our heart, and knowest all things.

Pardon, O Lord, all the sins which we have committed this day. Look with compassion on our weakness and infirmities. Who can tell how oft he offendeth ? O cleanse thou us from our secret faults. Keep us also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over us. O remember not our former transgressions ; but according to thy great goodness, show us the light of thy countenance, and have mercy upon us.

Extend thy compassions, heavenly Father, to the whole human race. Make thy way known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let thy gospel be published in all the world ; and let repentance and remission of sins be preached to all people. Cause the wicked to forsake his way, and the un-

righteous man his thoughts. May he return unto thee, O Lord, that thou mayest have mercy upon him, and abundantly pardon him. Have pity especially upon those who are bowed down under a sense of their sins; and to whom the remembrance of them is grievous, and the burden thereof intolerable. O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, give to those who are weary and heavy laden, a right understanding of themselves, and of thy threats and promises; that they may neither cast away their confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Give them strength against all their temptations, and help all their infirmities: Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax: Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make them to hear of joy and gladness, that the broken bones may rejoice, and the heavy heart be lifted up: Deliver them from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon them, and give them peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Be gracious, O God, to all our relatives and friends. Grant unto them and us, all the benefits and privileges of thy great salvation. May we all be one, in the faith and fellowship of

the gospel; that Christ may be in us, and we in him, and both in thee, through his all-sufficient atonement and intercession.

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Thursday Morning.

Our Father, who art in heaven: Let us come into thy presence, as dutiful children, and cry unto thee in the true spirit of adoption. And, O God, hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling-place, and accept our supplications, and grant our petitions, for thy dear Son's sake.

Hallowed be thy name. From the rising of the sun, even unto the going down of the same, be thy name exalted; and in every place may incense be offered unto thy name, and a pure offering; that thy name may be great among the nations.

Thy kingdom come. In the day of thy power, may the people offer thee free-will offerings, with an holy worship. Hasten the day, O Lord, when every knee shall bow to thy sceptre, and every tongue confess thy righteousness. Grant that all men may walk in thy fear; that the dominion of the Prince of Peace may extend throughout the world;

and that the earth may be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Thou alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men. Grant unto us thy Holy Spirit, that we may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise. As all the heavenly host delight to do thy will; so may we, thy unworthy servants, be enabled, through thy grace, to walk in the way of thy commandments, and to submit to all thy righteous dealings; that after we have done thy will on earth, we may be received, according to thy promise, to glorify thee in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. Thou openest thine hand, O God, and fillest all things living with plenteousness. Supply, be beseech thee, all our temporal and spiritual necessities. Sustain our perishing bodies from day to day, and feed our souls with the bread of life—even that bread of God, which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. According to the measure of our forbearance and forgiveness to others, may we hope to be forgiven of thee. Make us kind and compassionate, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as thou, for Christ's sake, hast forgiven us.

And lead us not into temptation. Put away from us, we beseech thee, all the deceitful allurements of the world, the flesh, and the devil; that we walk not in the counsel of the ungodly; nor stand in the way of sinners; nor sit in the seat of the scornful. Purify our hearts from those inordinate and sinful desires and affections, by which we are drawn away and enticed. Suffer us not to be tempted above that we are able; but, with every temptation, do thou, in infinite mercy, make a way for us to escape. O blessed Jesus, who hast thyself suffered, and wast in all points tempted like as we are, thou art able to succor them that are tempted. Keep us in the hour of trial; save us from every snare; and bear us above all the crafts and assaults of the adversary.

Deliver us from evil. O Lord, our God, who alone art able to deliver us, our only trust is in thee. Thou art a defence for the oppressed; even a refuge in every time of trouble. Incline thine ear unto us, and save us. Be thou our strong hold, whereunto we may always resort; our house of defence, and our castle. Let no evil happen unto us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. Deliver us from all the calamities of this life; from the pains of disease; from trouble, sorrow, and affliction: And, above all, deliver us from the

bondage of corruption; from the slavery of sin; and from everlasting condemnation.

And to thee, with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Thursday Evening.

O merciful God and heavenly Father, who makest the returns of the morning and evening to praise thee, we acknowledge thy great goodness, in preserving our lives, and in bringing us to the close of this day in peace and safety. Every day dost thou manifest thy loving kindness, and every night we are bound to offer up our praises unto thee. Let our prayer now come before thee as incense; and let the lifting up of our hands be accepted of thee as an evening sacrifice.

We humbly confess, O God, the sins and iniquities of this day. How often have we violated thy holy precepts and commandments! How many duties have we neglected! If thou wert extreme to mark what is done amiss, who could abide thy indignation! But we know

that thou art gracious and merciful, long-suffering, and full of compassion. We cast ourselves upon thy mercies in Christ Jesus; beseeching thee to look down upon us, in thy wonted pity and forbearance. Have mercy upon us, after thy abundant goodness; according to the multitude of thy mercies, do away our offences. Draw nigh unto us, and save us from our sins. Give unto us that peace which the world can never give; that we may go to our rest in perfect charity with all men; with consciences void of offence, and with perfect trust and confidence in thee. May we dwell securely under the defence of the Most High; and abide in safety under the shadow of the Almighty: And, being protected from every peril and danger, may we pass the night in rest and quietness; through the merits of our only Saviour, Jesus Christ.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

To thee, O gracious God, and to thy tender mercies, we commend ourselves and all for whom it is our duty and our desire to pray. Remember with favor the Church, which thy blessed Son hast purchased with his own precious blood. Send forth among its members a spirit of grace and supplication, that they may so confess Jesus Christ before men, that he may finally confess them before thy throne in heaven. Enlighten the ignorant,

awaken the careless and negligent, sustain and direct the humble and contrite soul, and bring all men to the obedience of the gospel. To our dear friends, relatives, and neighbors, extend thy mercies, both temporal and spiritual. Bless them with health and prosperity; or, if thou shalt see fit to visit them with trouble, sanctify and overrule all their sorrows and adversities, to their present and eternal good. Above all, make them wise unto salvation, that they may partake of the consolations of thy spirit here, and finally attain to thy heavenly kingdom.

O thou, who art the way, the truth and the life, open unto us the path to heaven, enlighten our minds with the beams of eternal truth, and after the trials and perils of this life are over, bring us at last into thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and to thy right hand, where there are pleasures forevermore. And to thee, O blessed Saviour, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all the glory and praise, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

The grace, &c.

Friday Morning.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy npon us, miserable sinners. O God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God, the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon us. O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us forever.

Deliver us, O Lord, from all evil and mischief; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain-glory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil: From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder, and from sudden death: From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and

schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation; by thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Ghost; good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord deliver us.

O Lord, arise, help us, and deliver us, for thy name's sake. Deal not with us according to our sins, neither reward us according to our iniquities. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers; and behold in pity the sorrows of our hearts.

O God, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers, which we make before thee at all times, and especially in our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man worketh against us, may, by thy good providence, be brought to nought; that we, thy servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore

give thanks to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we now commit ourselves, and all our friends, relatives, and brethren. O Lord, bless us and keep us: Make thy face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us: Lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Friday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we sinners do beseech thee to hear us, and grant all that we call upon thee for, in the name of thy beloved Son. May it please thee, to rule and govern thy Holy Church universal, to thy glory, and the good of thy people. Bless and preserve all Christian rulers and magistrates; giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth: Illuminate all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly: Bless and keep all

thy people: Give to all nations unity, peace and concord: Give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments: Give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of thy Spirit. Bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived: Strengthen such as do stand, and comfort and help the weak-hearted, and raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet: Succor, help, and comfort, all who are in danger, necessity, or tribulation: Preserve all who travel by land or by water; all sick persons, and young children; and show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives: Defend and provide for the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed: Have mercy upon all men: Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts: Give and preserve to our use, the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them; Give us true repentance, forgive us all our sins, negligencies, and ignorances; and endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, to amend our lives, according to thy holy word.

Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. O Lamb of

God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles, trials and necessities, we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O God, thou art our God, early will we seek thee. Thy mercies are new every morning; and every morning will we direct our prayer unto thee. Unworthy sinners as we are, it is good for us to draw near unto thee; and wilt thou, O God, in infinite condescension, draw near unto us and hearken to our supplications. We seek for mercy and forgiveness, only through the merits and intercession of thy beloved Son.

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, to grant us thy constant guidance, counsel and support, that through the help of thy Holy Spirit, we may obey thy commandments, and faithfully follow thy precepts. Show us the way in which we should walk, for we lift up our souls unto thee.

O God, if thou shouldst see fit, in thine infinite wisdom, to visit us with pain, or sickness, or sorrow, be thou our ever present solace and refuge, and heal our diseases, and help our infirmities, or give us grace so to take thy visitation, that we may submit with patience and resignation to every dispensation of thy hand. Let us hear of thy loving kindness at all times, for in thee is our trust.

If poverty and want should be our lot, be thou, O God, our portion and inheritance. Let us remember that thy blessed Son was contented to become poor and destitute, that he might make many rich, and that he is able to afford help and deliverance in every time of need. Teach us to endure all things for his sake, that our treasures may be laid up in heaven, and that our hearts may be fixed on things above, where alone true joys are to be found. Or if thou shouldst bestow upon us the rich bounties of thy providence, keep us, we beseech thee, from all presumptuous sins; from pride, and arrogancy, and self-dependence,

from forgetfulness of thee; and from all those hurtful lusts and passions, which war against the soul. May we be clothed with humility; always remembering, that God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. O thou from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, give us a grateful sense of all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O merciful God, if it please thee, bring us in peace and safety to the close of this day, and enable us again to cast ourselves, and all our concerns, upon thy goodness and mercy. And when all the days of our pilgrimage shall be ended; when our probation shall be brought to a close; when all our earthly labors, and cares, and joys, and sorrows, shall cease, O blessed Jesus, shed thy heavenly radiance round our dying bed; place underneath us thine everlasting arms, and enable us, by thy blessed Spirit, to enter those mansions in thy Father's house, which thou hast gone to prepare for those that love thee.

We ask for all in thy name, and in the form of words which thou hast taught thy disciples to use:—

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Evening.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we either desire or deserve ; we bless thee, we praise thee, for all the mercies bestowed upon us this day. It is a good thing to give thanks unto thee, O Lord ; to tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season. We will thank thee with all our hearts; we will praise thy name forevermore. Every hour that thou addest to our lives, is a monument of thy wondrous love; every day bears testimony of thy providential care.

But we acknowledge, O God, with shame and confusion of face, our hardness and ingratitude. How thoughtless, how regardless are we of thy mercies! How often do we neglect our duties ; how often do we wander from the way of thy commandments! For how many sinful thoughts, and words, and works, must we render an account this night! Let thy Holy Spirit now bring our offences to remembrance, that we may confess them before thee, and seek forgiveness at thy hands. Thou art nigh unto them that are of a contrite

heart, and wilt save such as be of an humble spirit. Put us not to rebuke, O Lord, in thine anger; neither chasten us in thy heavy displeasure. May we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous; and through his propitiation, may we, now and ever, find acceptance at thy throne.

We offer our humble supplications unto thee, O heavenly Father, for all our relatives and friends. Make them partakers of thy grace; that they may love and serve thee, with all their heart, and soul, and mind, and strength; and that all things may work together for their present and eternal good. Provide, we beseech thee, for the spiritual and temporal necessities of all men. Lead them forth in thy truth, and learn them the way of salvation. Let the blessed beams of thy gospel extend to all the borders of the earth, that the Gentiles may come to its light, and the nations of the world to the brightness of its rising.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

O God, be thou our ever present protector and guide. In all the vicissitudes of life, may we keep our eye steadfastly fixed on the promised inheritance of the faithful: And as days and weeks pass away, may we feel that eternity is approaching. May the gathering shades of night, remind us of the dark valley of the

shadow of death. May we so prepare ourselves for our bodily repose, that our souls also may be at peace with thee. And if we be not permitted to behold the dawn of another Sabbath in this world, be thou with us, O blessed Jesus; show us the path of life; and let thy rod and thy staff support and comfort us. May we sleep in thee; may our flesh rest in hope; and may we finally awake on the morning of that Eternal Sabbath, whose sun shall never set; whose joys shall never end.

All which we ask, for the sake, and through the merits, of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The grace, &c.

Morning of the Fourth of July.

Our Father, &c.

Almighty God, who hast in all ages made known thy power and mercy, in the gracious deliverance and protection of states and empires, and hast visited us of old, and beyond other nations, with many temporal and spiritual blessings; we yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise, as well for thy many other great and public mercies, so especially for that

signal and wonderful deliverance which we this day commemorate. Thou hast done marvelous things for us, whereof we are glad. We praise thee; we bless thee; we magnify thee; for thou hast triumphed gloriously. With thine own right hand, and with thy mighty arm, hast thou gotten to thyself the victory. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the majesty, and the victory. Thine is the kingdom, and thou art exalted as head over all. Thou doest what thou wilt in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth, and none may stay thy hand. O Lord of Hosts; O God of battles; who is like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders!

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour down upon the inhabitants of this land, the spirit of unfeigned gratitude and love for all thy mercies towards us. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

And grant that they may show forth thy praise, not only with their lips, but in their lives. Preserve them from all profane and unholy rejoicings, lest they draw down upon us a curse, and not a blessing; and lest the things which should have been for our good, prove unto us an occasion of falling.

Grant us grace, we beseech thee, to use thy blessings as we ought, with devout gratitude to thee, our God; with zeal for thy glory, and submission to thy will; with a faithful adherence to the gospel of thy Son; with obedience to our rulers for conscience sake, as thy ministers for good; with moderation and humility; with justice and purity; with charity, forbearance, and brotherly love; that amidst these and all thy blessings, we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Lord bless us, and keep us! The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us! The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Day—Morning.

[To be used on the first Thursday of November, or on such other day as shall be appointed by the civil authority.]

Most gracious God, by whose unspeakable mercy we are again permitted to present the annual tribute of our thanks and praise, we bless thee for the continual manifestations of

thy goodness to us and to all the children of men. By thy wisdom, O Lord, thou hast founded the earth ; by understanding thou hast established the heavens ; by thy knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. We bless thee for the return of seed-time and harvest, and for crowning the year with the bounties of thy providence. We praise thee for all thy gracious dealings towards us, and we beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to receive the thank-offerings with which we come before thee this day.

We acknowledge, heavenly Father, the imperfection of our best services. We confess that we are sinners before thee, and altogether unworthy of thy mercies. But we know that thou art kind and beneficent, even to the unthankful and the evil. Thou makest thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust. Give us a due sense of thy wonderful condescension and forbearance, that our hearts may be moved to penitence and contrition for our past negligence and sin, and excited to new diligence, zeal, and devotion, for the future.

We beseech thee, O Lord, to pour down upon the inhabitants of this land, the spirit of unfeigned gratitude and love for all thy mercies. May they enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise. May they

honor thee with all their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase. And grant that they may show forth their devotion to thee, not only with their lips, but also in their lives. Preserve them from the unholy rejoicings of the sensual and profane; restrain every sinful and intemperate indulgence; and grant us all grace, heavenly Father, to use thy blessings without abusing them; with zeal for thy glory; submission to thy will, and a faithful adherence to the gospel of thy Son; with moderation and humility; with justice and purity; with charity, forbearance, and brotherly love; that amidst these and all thy blessings, we may seek thy glory and the increase of thy kingdom.

Fill our hearts, O God, with a spirit of tenderness and compassion for all around us. May we rejoice with those that do rejoice, and weep with those that weep. May we be ready to impart of the abundance which thou hast given us, to the poor and needy; the distressed and the afflicted; the widow and the fatherless; and thus fulfill the law of pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

Grant us, heavenly Father, a continuance of all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose all-prevailing name and words we sum up our petitions:—

Our Father, &c.

Thanksgiving Day—Evening.

O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world; thou that hast set thy glory above the heavens! We will consider the works of thy hands; the heavens which thou hast made; the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained. What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; and thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet; all sheep and oxen; yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowls of the air, and the fishes of the sea; and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Governor, how excellent is thy name in all the world!

We praise thee, O Lord; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely. We thank thee for all thy manifold blessings; for the dispensation of thy grace, through the mediation of thy blessed Son; for the bounties of thy providence; for the plenty with which thou hast crowned the labors of the husbandman; for the preservation of our health; for the reign of peace, and for the enjoyment of our civil and religious liberties. We thank thee for the comforts and

privileges, of which we have been permitted to partake this day. We acknowledge thy hand in every mercy, and desire to render back to thee the homage of gratitude and love. We acknowledge that every good gift, and every perfect gift, is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. But we confess unto thee, O God, that our souls are burdened with iniquity; that we are frail and erring creatures; that our hearts are corrupt, and that our hands are not clean in thy sight. Look with pity and compassion upon all that we have thought, or said, or done, amiss this day. Be present with us, as we now present our supplications unto thee; and through the intercession of thy dear Son, grant unto us the pardon of all our sins. Give thy Holy Spirit, to comfort the troubled mind, and soothe the pains, and wipe away the stains of guilt. May we retire to rest, in perfect charity with all men. May we be enabled, through thy help, to love our enemies; to bless them that curse us; to do good to them that hate us; and to pray for them which despitefully use us and persecute us; that we may be the children of our Father, who art in heaven.

[Occasional Prayers, &c.]

We now commit all our concerns to thee, O God, for the year to come. Grant us thy

blessings, both temporal and spiritual, for Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with thee, O Father, and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Our Father, &c.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit ourselves. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS AND THANKSGIVINGS.

TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OTHER DEVOTIONS.

PRAYERS.

For Communion Day—Morning.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever on this day shall approach thy holy altar, and partake of the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, may receive these instituted memorials of the Saviour's love, with faith, charity, and true repentance; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of sin, and all other benefits of his passion.

Or This.

Grant us grace, O heavenly Father, to prepare our hearts for a due reception of the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper. May we

truly and earnestly repent of our sins. May we cherish a spirit of love and charity towards our neighbors. May we resolve, by thy help, to lead a new life, following thy commandments, and walking from henceforth in thy righteous ways. May we wash our hands in innocency, and so may we draw near in faith to thy holy altar, and take the blessed sacrament of the body and blood of Christ, to our great and endless comfort.

After Baptism.

Grant, O Lord, that the *child* this day dedicated to thee, and adopted into thy Church by baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from thy wrath and eternal death, and received as a living member of Christ's mystical body, and ever remain in the number of thy faithful children.

After Confirmation.

We commend to thy mercy and grace, heavenly Father, all those thy servants, who have this day, in their own persons, renewed the promises and vows which they made, or

which were made for them by their sureties, in baptism, and who have been confirmed by the laying on of the hands of the Bishop. Direct, sanctify, and govern, their hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; and defend them, O Lord, with thy heavenly grace, that they may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come unto thy heavenly kingdom.

After a Marriage.

O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life; send thy blessing, we beseech thee, upon thy servants who have this day been united together in holy matrimony. May they faithfully perform and keep their solemn vow and covenant, and ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the Children of a Family.

Be thou, O God, a father and friend to the children of this family. Lead them by thy

providence through the dangers and temptations of their youth, that they may neither run into folly, nor give way to unbridled passions or appetites. Be pleased so to order the events of their lives, that by wholesome instruction and prudent example, and by thy restraining grace, they may be trained up to serve thee faithfully, in the midst of an evil world; and, after an holy and useful life, may come to a peaceful and happy death; and may be made heirs with Christ in the glories of his heavenly kingdom.

For Sunday Schools.

Grant, O Lord, thy heavenly grace, to the Sunday Schools and other institutions for the religious instruction of the children and youth of thy flock. Make the pastors and teachers of these children duly sensible of the great charge committed to their trust. Endue them plenteously with thy heavenly gifts, and make them faithful in training up the young in thy fear and service: That they may from the heart, believe in thee, the Lord their God, and worship and serve thee, their Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier: That they may renounce the devil and all his works, the pomps and vanities of this wicked world, and all the

sinful desires of the flesh, and keep thy holy will and commandments, and walk in the same all the days of their life. Graft in their hearts the love of thy name; increase in them true religion; nourish them with all goodness; and by thy great mercy, keep them in the same, that so, in the end, they may obtain everlasting life.

On the Birth-day of a Member of the Family.

O God, heavenly Father, who hast been graciously pleased to prolong the days of this thy servant, [or this child,] and to add another year to *his* mortal life, we humbly beseech thee to take *him* under thy special care and protection, for the time which is to come; and grant that, as *he* advances in years, *he* may grow in grace, and in fitness and preparation for thy heavenly kingdom.

For a Sick Person.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, behold, visit, and relieve thy sick servant, for whom we offer

up our earnest supplications. Look upon *him* with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort *him* with a sense of thy goodness; preserve *him* from the temptations of the enemy; give *him* patience under *his* affliction; and, in thy good time, restore *him* to health, and enable *him* to lead the residue of *his* life in thy fear, and to thy glory: Or else give *him* grace so to take thy visitation, that after this painful life is ended, *he* may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a Person Dangerously Sick.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, we fly to thee for succor in behalf of this thy sick servant, in this day of *his* tribulation and danger. We know, O God, that all things are possible with thee. We know that thy arm is not shortened, that it can not save, nor thy ear heavy, that it can not hear. We know that thou canst, if it be thy gracious will, speak the word only, and this thy servant shall be healed. And we beseech thee, merciful God, thus to interpose thine hand. Take away from us this cup of bitterness; and, if it seem good to thee, alleviate *his* sufferings, and remove *his* complaints, and restore *him* to health, and grant *him* a longer

continuance among us. But thy will, O Father, and not ours, be done. Enable us to submit, with patience and resignation, to thy righteous dealing. And grant to this thy servant, grace, that *his* repentance may be perfect, *his* faith strong, *his* love fervent, and *his* hope steadfast; so that after *his* departure hence in peace, *he* may rest with thee forever.

For a Blessing on the Means of Recovery.

O Almighty God, by whose word man lives, and not by any human means alone, prosper, we beseech thee, the means which are used for the recovery of this thy sick servant. Let not *his* confidence in any human means, lessen *his* dependence upon thee. Make *him* sensible that every good gift is from above; that it is thou only who givest help in time of need. To thee, gracious God, we fly for succor in the day of our visitation: And may this thy sick servant look to thee for bodily, as well as spiritual strength and salvation. Let thine, O God, be the glory, and *his* the comfort, of the means used for *his* recovery. Let *him* own thee as the author of *his* mercies; to thee pay *his* vows and services; and to thy glory de-

vote the remainder of *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a sick Person, at the Point of Departure.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, we humbly commend the soul of this thy servant, into thy hands; most humbly beseeching thee, that it may be precious in thy sight: Wash it, we pray thee, in the blood of that Immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and sinful world, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before thee. And teach us who survive, in this, and every other spectacle of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Lord.

For a sick Child.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death, look down from heaven, we humbly beseech thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this child, now lying under thy hand in sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with thy salvation; deliver *him* in thy good appointed time from *his* bodily disease; and save *his* soul for thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, he may live to thee, and be an instrument of thy glory, by serving thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation: Or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus, enjoy perpetual rest and felicity: Grant this, O Lord, for thy mercies' sake, in the same thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

For a Person troubled in mind or conscience.

O blessed Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, we beseech thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his*

former iniquities: Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, who hast written thy holy word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of thy holy Scriptures, might have hope, give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of thy threats and promises, that he may neither cast away *his* confidence in thee, nor place it anywhere but in thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers: Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax: Shut not up thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice: Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of thy countenance upon *him*; and give *him* thy peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

When under Affliction.

O merciful God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy word, that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men, look with pity, we beseech thee, upon us in our present sorrows. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit us with trouble, and to bring distress upon us. Remember us, O

Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience under our affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort us with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon us, and give us peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After a Funeral.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies can not be numbered, grant that the solemn services of this day may make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and of the transitory nature of all earthly things. Sanctify to us, and to all the friends and relatives of the deceased, this afflictive dispensation of thy providence. May the lively sense of the bereavement which we have sustained, lead us to cleave more closely to thee our God. In all our troubles, may our whole trust and confidence be placed in thy mercy. Awakened by this visitation to a realizing sense of our own danger, may we resolve to seek supremely those things which are above; to resign ourselves and all our concerns to thy disposal; and in the fulness of resignation, to say with the holy Job:—"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

For a Person at Sea.

O Eternal God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea, we commend to thy Almighty protection, thy servant, for whose preservation on the great deep we offer up our humble supplications. Guard *him*, we beseech thee, from the dangers of the sea, from pestilence and sickness, from the violence of enemies, and from every evil to which *he* may be exposed. Conduct *him* in safety to *his* place of destination, and in thy good time, restore *him* in health and peace, to *his* home, *his* family, and *his* friends: And, above all, give *him* a grateful sense of all thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a Person on a Journey.

O Father Almighty, whose mercy is over all thy works, we commend to thy protection and care, thy servant, now absent from *his* home and family. Preserve *him*, we beseech thee, in all *his* journeyings; guard *him* in every danger and calamity; keep *him* in health and safety; and in thy good time, restore *him* again to the joys and comforts of *his* household; that *he* may praise thee for all thy mercies, and love

and serve thee faithfully all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After an Ordination.

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by thy Holy Spirit hast appointed divers orders of ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold thy servant, who has this day been admitted to the office of [*Deacon* or] *Priest;* and so replenish him with the truth of thy doctrine, and adorn him with innocency of life, that both by word and good example, he may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name, and the edification of thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Conventions.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, by thy Holy Spirit, didst preside in the councils of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world, we beseech thee to be present with the council of thy Church now assembled. Save them from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great

mercy, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, so to direct, sanctify, and govern them in their present work, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, that the comfortable gospel of Christ may be truly preached, truly received, and truly followed, in all places, to the breaking down of the kingdom of sin, Satan, and death; till at length the whole of thy dispersed sheep, being gathered into one fold, shall become partakers of everlasting life, through the merits and death of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For Rain.

O God, heavenly Father, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance, send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity, such refreshing supplies of rain, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to thy honor, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Fair Weather.

Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech thee, of thy great goodness, to restrain those immoderate rains, wherewith, for our sins, thou hast afflicted us: And we pray thee to send us such seasonable weather, that the earth may, in due time, yield her increase for our use and benefit; and give us grace, that we may learn by thy punishments to amend our lives, and for thy clemency to give thee thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In time of Dearth and Famine.

O God, heavenly Father, whose gift it is that the rain doth fall, and the earth bring forth her increase, behold, we beseech thee, the afflictions of thy people; increase the fruits of the earth by thy heavenly benediction; and grant that the scarcity and dearth, which we now most justly suffer for our sins, may, through thy goodness, be mercifully turned into plenty, for the love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

In time of War and Tumults.

O Almighty God, the supreme Governor of all things, whose power no creature is able to resist, to whom it belongeth justly to punish sinners, and to be merciful to those who truly repent, save and deliver us, we humbly beseech thee, from the hands of our enemies; that we, being armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils, to glorify thee, who art the only giver of all victory, through the merits of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

In time of great Sickness and Mortality

O Almighty God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech thee; and, as thou hast thought fit to visit us for our sins with great sickness and mortality, in the midst of thy judgment, O Lord, remember mercy. Have pity upon us miserable sinners, and withdraw from us the grievous sickness with which we are afflicted. May this thy fatherly correction have its due influence upon us, by leading us to consider the frailty and uncertainty of our life; that we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom, which in the end will bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVINGS.

After Communion.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for thy great mercy, in permitting us, on this day, to receive the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank thee for this comfortable assurance of thy favor and goodness; and for the blessed hope, that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, which is the whole company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through grace of thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious death and passion of thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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For the beginning of Recovery from Sickness.

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again, we bless

thy great goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this thy servant to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be thy name, that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to thy will; and, at last, didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech thee, this thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: that being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to thine house, to offer thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless thy holy name for all thy goodness towards *him,* through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

For Recovery from Sickness.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety, we bless thy name, that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness *this* thy servant, who is now enabled to unite with us in returning thanks unto thee, for this thy great mercy. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and

may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a safe Return from Sea.

Most gracious Lord, whose mercy is over all thy works, we praise thy holy name, that thou hast been pleased to conduct in safety, through the perils of the great deep, *this* thy servant, who now desires to unite with us in returning thanks to thee. May *he* be duly sensible of thy merciful providence towards *him*, and ever express *his* thankfulness, by a holy trust in thee, and obedience to thy laws, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a safe Return from a Journey.

Merciful Father, we bless thee for thy providential care in protecting this thy servant, in *his* late absence from *his* home and family. We thank thee for *his* preservation in *his* journeyings; for *his* exemption from danger, and sickness, and death; and for *his* safe return to the joys and comforts of *his* household. May *he* ever praise thee for all thy mercies,

and love and serve thee faithfully all *his* days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the birth of a Child.

O Almighty God, we give thee humble thanks, for that thou hast been graciously pleased to preserve, through the great pain and peril of child-birth, thy servant, in whose behalf we desire now to offer our praises and thanksgivings unto thee. Grant, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, that she, through thy help, may both faithfully live and walk according to thy will in this life present, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Rain.

O God, our heavenly Father, who by thy gracious providence dost cause the former and the latter rain to descend upon the earth, that it may bring forth fruit for the use of man, we give thee humble thanks that it hath pleased thee, in our great necessity, to send a joyful rain upon thine inheritance, and to refresh it when it was dry, to the great comfort of us thy

unworthy servants, and to the glory of thy holy name, through thy mercies in Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Fair Weather.

O Lord God, who hast justly humbled us by thy late visitation of immoderate rain and storms, and in thy mercy hast now relieved and comforted us by this seasonable and blessed change of weather, we praise and glorify thy holy name, for this thy mercy: And we beseech thee to grant us grace, always to declare thy loving kindness, from generation to generation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For Plenty.

O most merciful Father, who of thy gracious goodness, hast heard our prayers and supplications, and turned our dearth and scarcity into plenty, we give thee humble thanks for this thy special bounty; beseeching thee to continue thy loving kindness unto us, that our land may yield us her fruits of increase, to thy glory and our comfort, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For a return of Peace.

O Almighty God, who art a strong tower of defense unto thy servants, against the face of their enemies, we yield thee praise and thanksgiving for our deliverance from the perils and dangers wherewith we have been encompassed, and for a restoration of the blessings of peace ; beseeching thee still to continue thy mercies towards us, that all the world may know that thou art our Saviour and mighty Deliverer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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For the restoration of tranquility at home.

O eternal God, our heavenly Father, who alone canst order and subdue the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and make thy people to be of one mind, we bless thy holy name, that it hath pleased thee to appease the domestic tumults and troubles, by which our land has been afflicted ; most humbly beseeching thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments ; and, leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty, may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of

praise and thanksgiving for these thy mercies towards us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For deliverance from great Sickness and Mortality.

O Lord God, who hast wounded us for our sins, and consumed us for our transgressions, by thy late heavy and dreadful visitation; and now, in the midst of judgment remembering mercy, hast redeemed our souls from the terrors of death; we offer unto thy fatherly goodness ourselves, our souls and bodies, which thou hast delivered, to be a living sacrifice unto thee; always praising and magnifying thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSINGS AND GRACES AT TABLE.

Before Meals.

Father of mercies, pardon our transgressions; accept our imperfect services, and bless this bounty of thy providence to our use, and us to thy service, for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

We bless thee, O God, for covering our table with plenty, and for the present opportunity of partaking of thy bounties. Nourish our bodies with these provisions of thy hand, and our souls with the bread of life, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

After Meals.

For the daily blessings and bounties of thy hand; for this present refreshment; and for all thy other mercies, both temporal and spiritual; thy holy name, O God, be praised, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O God, for all thy mercies; for the food that supports our bodies, and the grace that sustains our souls; we bless and praise thy holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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